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Hi Life

Joy,
English and Hist
a lot of fun. I won't
were great, but they were
! Always remember the fun we
had and will have and that I'm
ays there for you!
Love ya always,
Nina
class of '87

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Alysa,
To a great friend I
have known for a long
time, and hope to know
a lot longer.
'87

Alysa,
you are a great person that
I will always remember.
I hope you succeed in
everything you do. God
bless.
love, George Stafford

Alysa,
You are such a
sweet person!!
Love & Prayers from
me as you go thru
life. God Bless you.
I'll
Always
Remember
Your Smiling
Face & Charm.

Alysa, for crazi
thanks for the
extreme fun
our hair in
in Chair in BUSY greatness
this year a more
to more

Alysa, (tiny)
You a super sweet
friend with
the great personality
had fun times we
school together you do
it was fun
think we do too short
Love,
Yoa
(Wid)
"87"

Ay Sexy
How are things
fine Lose, keep your
attitude and you will
go far. Hope all ups
and downs are under
the sheets. Love
Soccer
#8
"89" #1

Alyssa Joy —
What would school have been like w/o you? I hate to think such thoughts! Thanks for being such a SUPER friend thru the years! You're great. Love ya lots!
Tim '87

Alyssa,
To a sweet person and good friend. Stay the same. Good Luck in Life. Love, Lisa
Lisa Fahr
Brian
"87"

Alyssa,
School was cool & so was Music Theory. Take it easy and don't forget to be crazy.
Scott
'87

Alyssa,
You are such a nice and beautiful girl who has a been a great friend. Have a great year! I'll miss you when you graduate! I'll never forget you!
Love, Rob

Alyssa,
Well I'm disappointed with your "level" of guys? JOKING? I hope you get everything you want, and with your personality it won't be hard! Have a great year and PARTY!
Love ya,
Janet Sergent

To Alyssa,
To a ~~good~~ good friend whom I still like
Love,
Connie

You are a special
and wonderful person.
Stay as sweet as you
are and near to God.
I could ask for no
better daughter.

Mom

Shortie Hey What's
Well nothing her
Thought I would I'd
LIVE'n up your Bck
Love
Brian

teacher hours like?
I Hope it's great
So, another year
of fun and games.
I Lurey on
P.S. another
year of Boy-
friends.
Love,
Andrea
(Radie)

Alysa Stephens

Sr. year

1985-86

1. P.E. III - Underwater
2. Choir II - Music
3. A.P. Eng - Spanish
4. A.P. History - Journalism
5. Music Theory - Band
6. Algebra II - Yearbook

Philip Haney

He was the advisor for the Blazer newspaper and yearbook for many years. During this time the publications won many honors for excellence. Mr. Haney was the founder of the Prayer Group FCA, he has been chairman and co-chairman of the Marshall Academic Fair; he is a former sponsor of Key Club and has frequently announced home basketball games as well as making the school's morning announcement.

Mr. Haney was born in Johnson County, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Paintsville High School, Berea College (BA-English) and Morehead State (MA-English). While a student at Berea, he was a member of their basketball team.

Mr. Haney has taught English and Journalism at levels from the sixth grade through college. He has taught at Florida Junior College, Virginia Western Community College, and Ashland Community College. He is a member of AEA, NEA, NCTE, and J. Ed Association. His wife Madge is a teacher in the Ashland School System. His daughters Amy, Tammy, and Beth are graduates of PBHS and his son Drew is currently a student at PBHS.

Mr. Haney is an ordained Southern Baptist minister and pastor of Ashland Baptist Church.

Phil Haney has touched many lives during his nineteen years in the education system. Those who have been his students or co-workers have learned both a subject and a good way to live.

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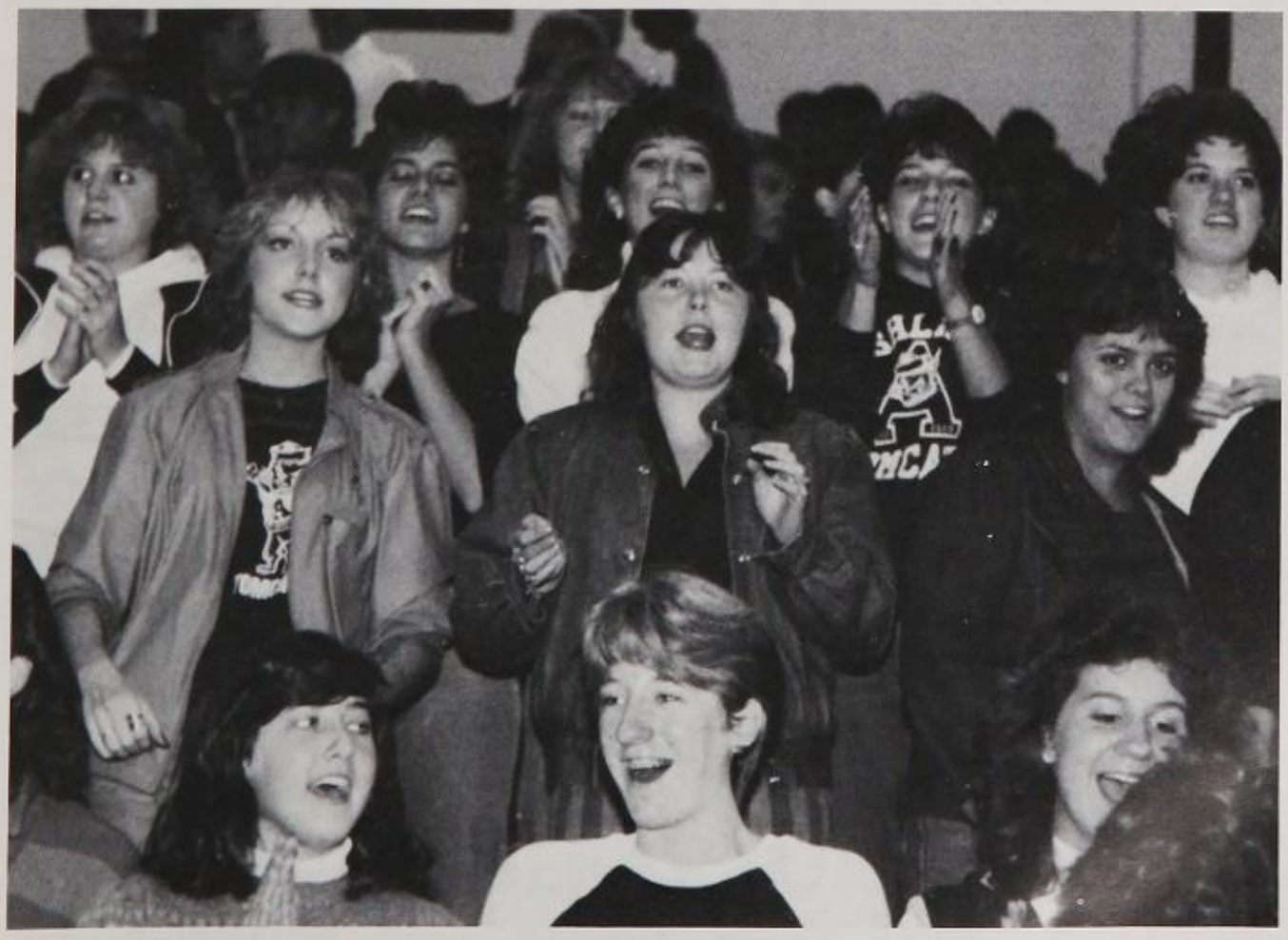

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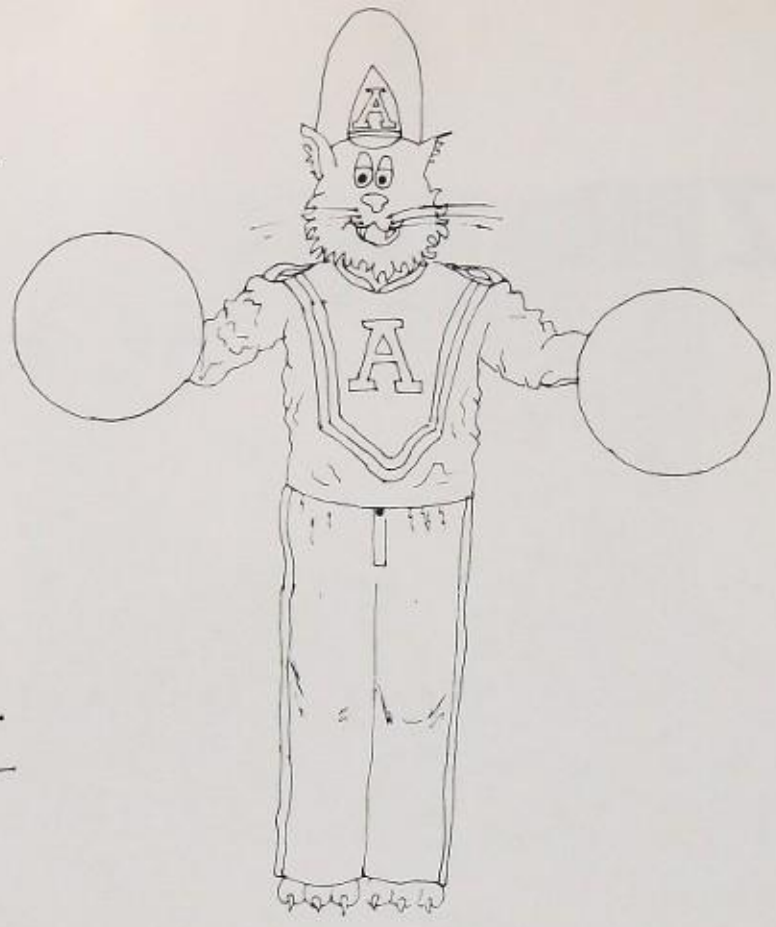

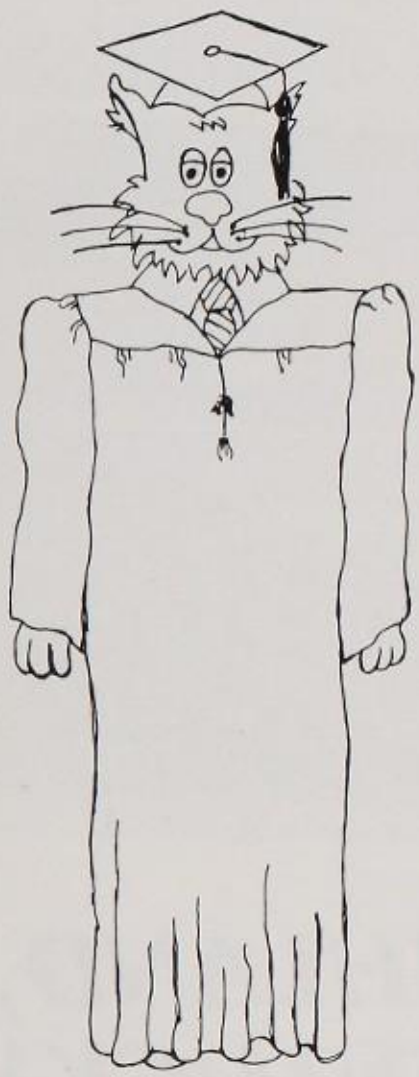

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In the Beginning . . .

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty - that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know"

"Ode on a Grecian Urn"
John Keats

And so in education we pursue truth. The method of science, the art of communication, the philosophy of history - these are the truths we learn.

The green earth with its infinite resources; the classic buildings with their glowing warmth; the fiery determination of our athletes, and all roung students - these are the truths as we see.

All these constitute the charm, the spirit, the life of Blazer. Without them, the campus is lifeless - these are the truths we feel.

Combined they are the foundation of Blazer's beauty.

THAT'S LIFE

Shagging balls during volleyball practice are seniors Kim Eby and Donna Davis while waiting to participate in a passing drill.

Playing his trumpet, along with the other band members during a Tomcat Basketball game, is senior Marcus Tullis.

Watching their step while trying to avoid slick spots are freshmen Matt Cheek, Cliff Hogan and Dennis Smith.

Smiling, while making their way out of the winter elements, are sophomores Stacy Gray, Toni Blevins and Heather Thayer on their way to third period.

Studying a map for her history class is senior Barbara Scott during her special assignment period.

Receiving their assignments yearbook advisor Terry Mott during Journalism class are senior G. G. Riffe and junior Heather Morgan.

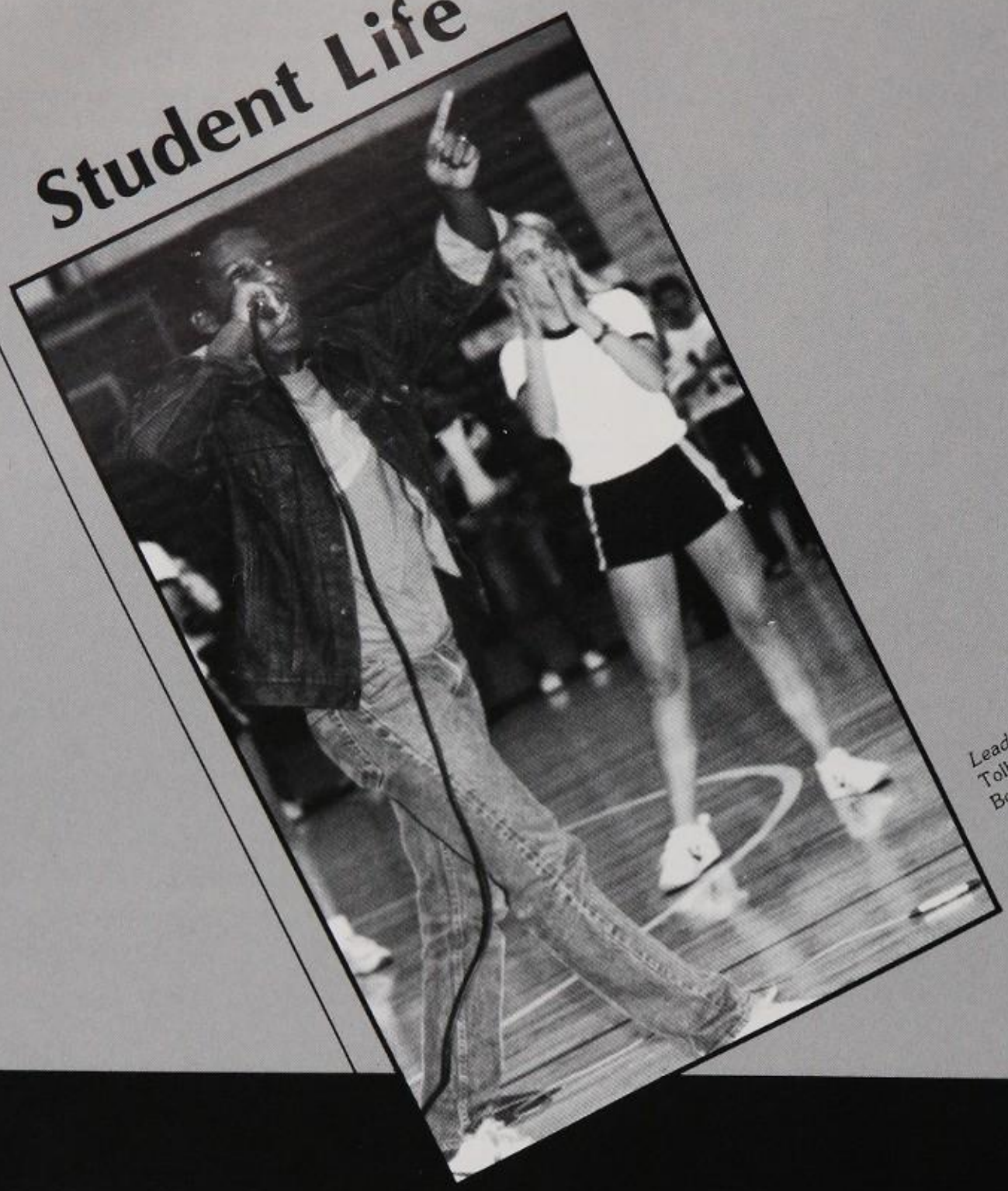
Dancing to the beat while enjoying themselves at the 1985 Homecoming Dance are senior Candi Canafax and junior Mike Brown.

Cheering on the team and hoping for a touchdown are senior Ronnie Quillen and junior Dwight Blair at the 1985 Homecoming game.

Chanting and clapping are the Junior Varsity football players as they competed for a spirit award during the Kittens and Rowan County game.

Stepping to the beat during their half time performance are junior Jane Thompson and freshman Mandy Clanton.

Student Life



Leading the crowd senior football player Tobey Tolbert creates school spirit before the Ashland-Boyd Co. game.

THE SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

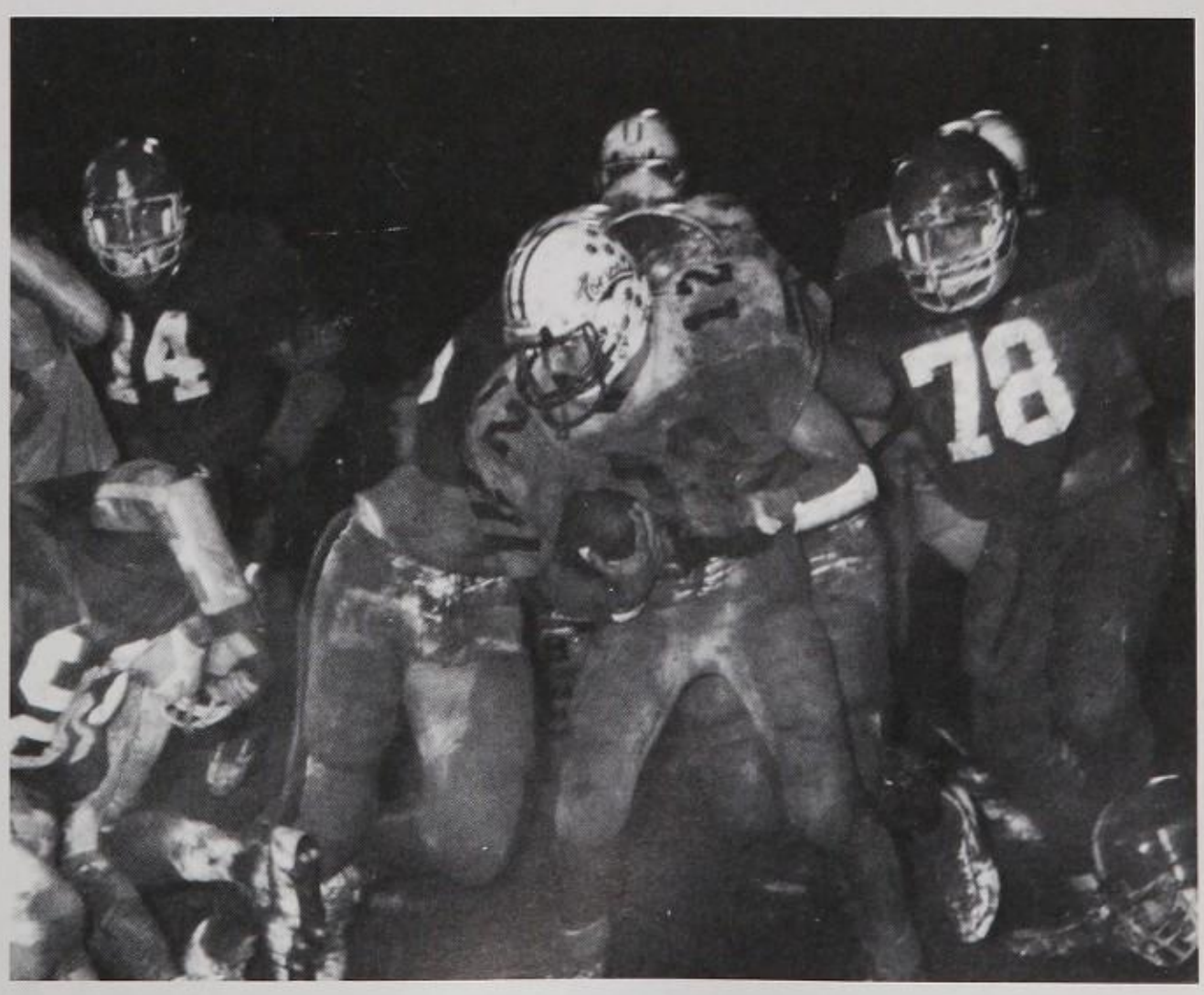
Never a dull moment

The Student Life is never dull. The year begins with new schedules, new teachers, and renewing old friendships. Soon football games begin. From that moment on a special activity is happening every week. Many dances and fund-raising activities are sponsored by the various clubs, all of the sporting events, such as basketball games, track meets, tennis matches, wrestling and many more keep the interest of many. The Talent Show is always a favorite activity.

It's great to be a part of the hustle and bustle of Blazer.

Holding out to win, The Sophomore class girls were coached to victory by their classmates during the Spirit Week Competition.

Getting special care is senior Janita Hackworth after giving blood to the American Red Cross.



During the Ashland-Boyd County Game, senior Kent Feazell takes charge, making his way through the mud.

Just for the FUN of it!!

Jean dances are events most students look forward to, it gives students a chance to get together with friends and have a good time, dancing and talking to friends.

On August 31st at 8:00 p.m. the first jean dance took place. The music was provided by Blazer graduate Drexel McCalvin and sponsored by the Boys' and Girls' Golf teams. This was an exciting event because it gave friends a chance to talk about what they have done during the summer.

The Junior Class sponsored the annual Halloween dance, on October 26th. The lobby was decorated with black and orange streamers and other types of decorations relating to the theme. There was a costume contest and prizes were given.

On December 14th Student Council sponsored a dance to help raise money for the Junior Varsity Cheerleaders' trip to Florida. Music was provided by the Mole, disc jockey from Ironton.

The National Honor Society's Dance was on January 11th. Drexel McCalvin deejayed the event as the students danced and had fun.

On March 1st, a jean dance sponsored by the Academic Boosters Club, took place. Music was provided by Sphinx, a local band consisting of Blazer seniors Dale Queen and Chris Lewis, and other Blazer graduates. Drexel McCalvin also entertained the crowd.

"The jean dances this year were fun and brought in a lot of profit for the sponsors. They made my weeknights a lot funner because I had something to do," stated senior G.G. Riffe.

Getting into the music are junior Kim Rodman and senior Kevin Riley at the Back to School Dance.

Snapping to the beat is junior Kim Nedrow and freshman Ron Rodman for the Junior Varsity Cheerleaders.

Holding hand and hand as they dance the night away is Senior Angie Borders and Blazer graduate Mike Tackett.

Talking between songs on the dance floor are Seniors Rusty Blanton and Andrew Greene and their dates juniors Ginger Moore and Amy Sergent.

Having a great time while dancing are Sophomore Michael Moore and freshman Mendy Wylie at the National Honor Society's Dance.

Dancing away to the music is freshman Mike Roberts at the National Honor Society's Dance which was held in January.

Dancing to the music are senior Mary Walters and senior Scott Kirk at the '86 Morp Dance in March.

Talking to friends is one of the things you can do at a jean dance as shown by seniors Chris Lewis, Lee Griffith, Steve Dempsey, Keith Daniels, and Junior Jimmy Woolery.

Tomcat Spirit Shines

During the year, Paul Balzer students showed their enthusiasm towards school spirit, in ways such as spirit week or other events throughout the year.

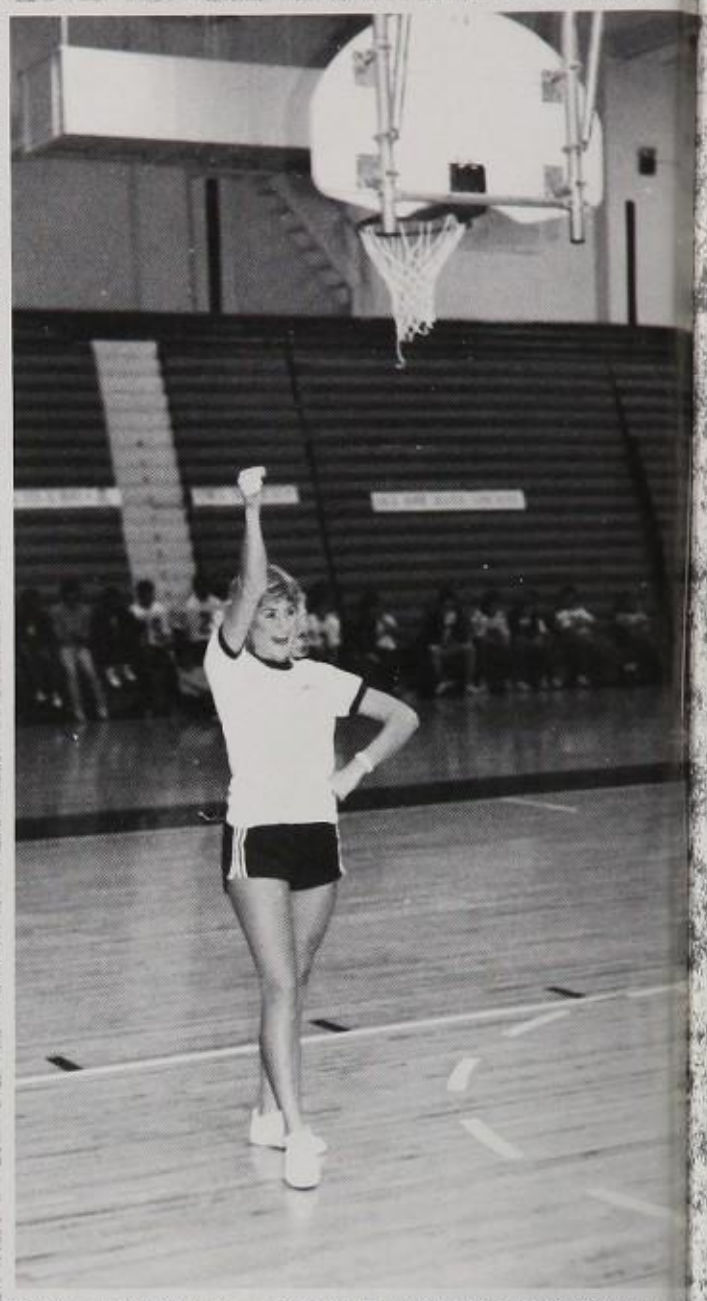
Spirit week was the three fun filled days before the Homecoming football game between the Ashland Tomcats and the Clark County Cardinals.

The tricycle race, tug-of-war, and a pie eating contest were a few of the events that took place during school. The tricycle race and pie eating contest were won by the senior class. The junior class boys pulled in to first place in the tug-of-war, while the sophomore girls yanked into a first place in the girls competition. Sophomore David Burton said, "The carnival was different, very different, but several thought the sophomore boys should have won the tug-of-war." Senior Dale Queen stated, "Its a great opportunity to show school spirit." The overall "Spirit" competition was won by the Senior Class.

Even though the senior class won the overall competition, each class was a winner because the spirit of our school helped the Tomcats to a victory and made this week full of enthusiasm.

Another big event that aroused the Tomcat fans spirit was the rival game between the Tomcats and the Boyd County Lions. The bonfire and the pep rally made the school spirit SHINE, firing up the team and crowd for the game. At both events, senior Tobey Tolbert sang his version of "Rock Me" along with his back up group, the entire football team, and some support from the Tomcat fans.

Despite the weather, the Tomcats still came out with a victory, and went on to regionals, held in Boone County, along with the fired up Tomcat fans.



Cheering the crowd on is Senior cheerleader Jodi Williams, during the pep rally before the Homecoming Football Game.

Tugging for a win is the Junior Class girls during the tug-of-war, but they had to settle for second place in the event.

School spirit is shown by Senior Gigi Riffe as she is dressed for the annual Hick Day before the Ashland-Boyd County game

Trying to peddle with a steady tempo is Junior Kris Hart during the tricycle race, even though her hard efforts failed as the Senior class went on to win this event.

Running the three-legged race are Juniors Chris Forte and Brett Blackwelder during one of the many games at the Homecoming Carnival.

During the Homecoming Carnival, Seniors Jamie Moore and LaJohnda Highfield participate in the carrot pass as Seniors Mat Stewart and Beth Haney watch carefully.

Walking quickly up through campus are a group of people leaving from Building 7 trying to make the five minute rush.

Leaning against the door as they watch the crowd go by are juniors Steve Mason and Mark Fisher.

Biting his nails is sophomore Mike Grinstead as he worries if he will make it to his next class on time.

Rushing through the door to beat the bell are juniors Pam Stanford and Valerie Leaver as senior Mark Miller looks ahead.

Trying to decide which book to take to his next class during the five mintute rush is sophomore Chris Eby.

Working her combination to her locker is senior Robin Combs as she prepares herself for her next class.

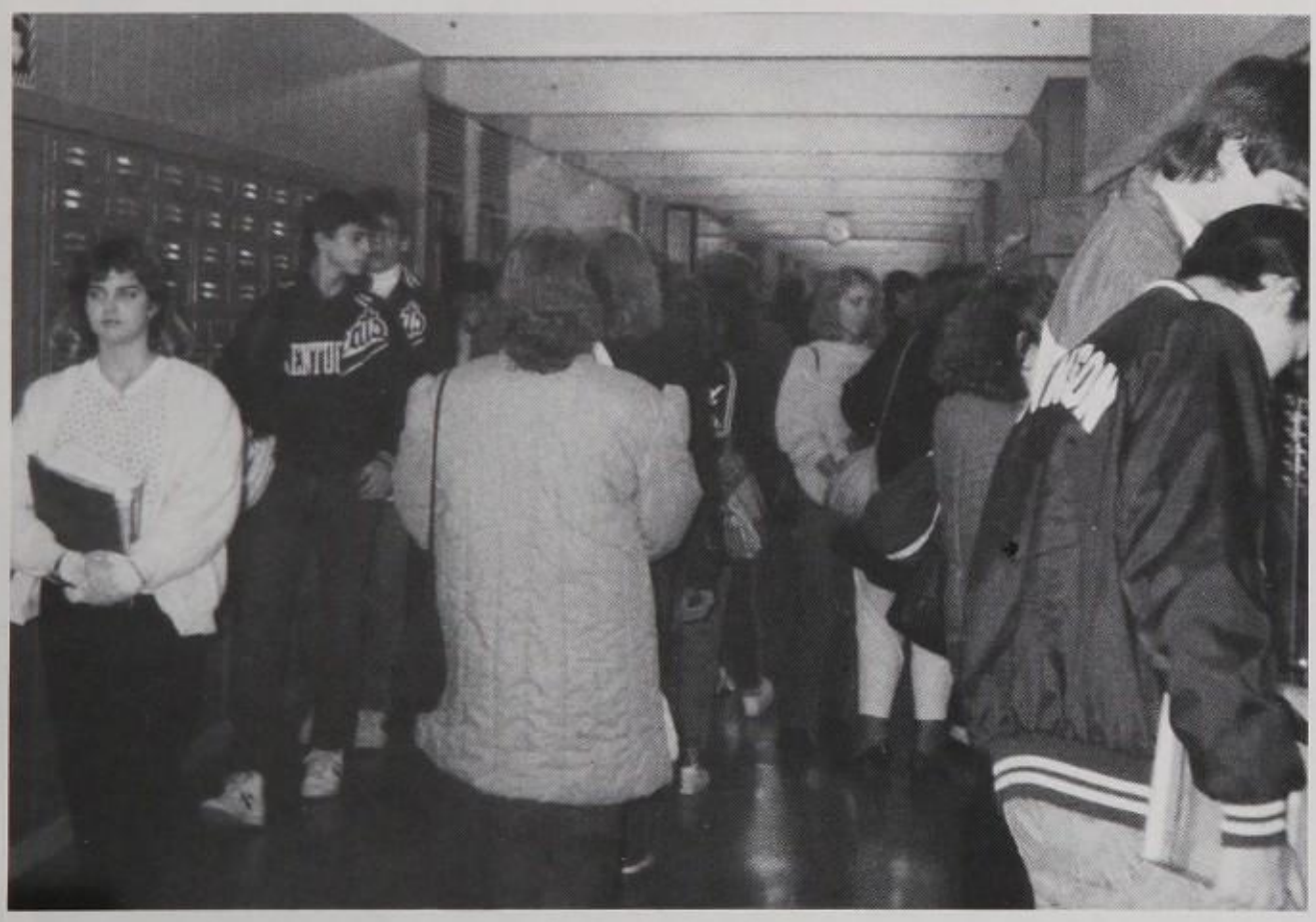
THE RUSH IS ON...

Even on an ordinary day the bell can ring, and the halls could be a dangerous place to be. The hustle and bustle of the crowd could overwhelm a newcomer to our school.

In the halls you can see teachers discussing their classes, students at their lockers, and you can almost always see couples talking to each other.

Note passing is an excellent pastime among a lot of the students on campus between classes. During the month of November, candy sales were seen most of the time before classes, and sometimes even during class.

When asking if five minutes was enough time between classes, we received answers like; "No, I feel there should be more time especially when you have to walk across campus to the other side of the building," said Junior Jimmy Wollery.



Dashing through the halls to get that forgotten book from a locker is often seen during the five minute rush.

Sharing a sucker between classes is sophomore Angie Reihs and junior Kevin May as they stand in the middle of campus.

Walking through campus enjoying the weather between classes, are juniors Tracey Kelley and Alan York.

It looks like SNOW

This year, snow came in hit and misses. It either was dumped on us in one big sum or it came down a little at a time. Junior Cyndie Evans said, "Snow is really very pretty, but when I have to walk across campus and I have the fear of falling, that's when I stop liking it." Senior Jamie Moore expressed his feelings about snow by saying,"I love the snow because I like getting together with a bunch of friends and having a great big sleigh riding 'party' like we did a few times this past winter.

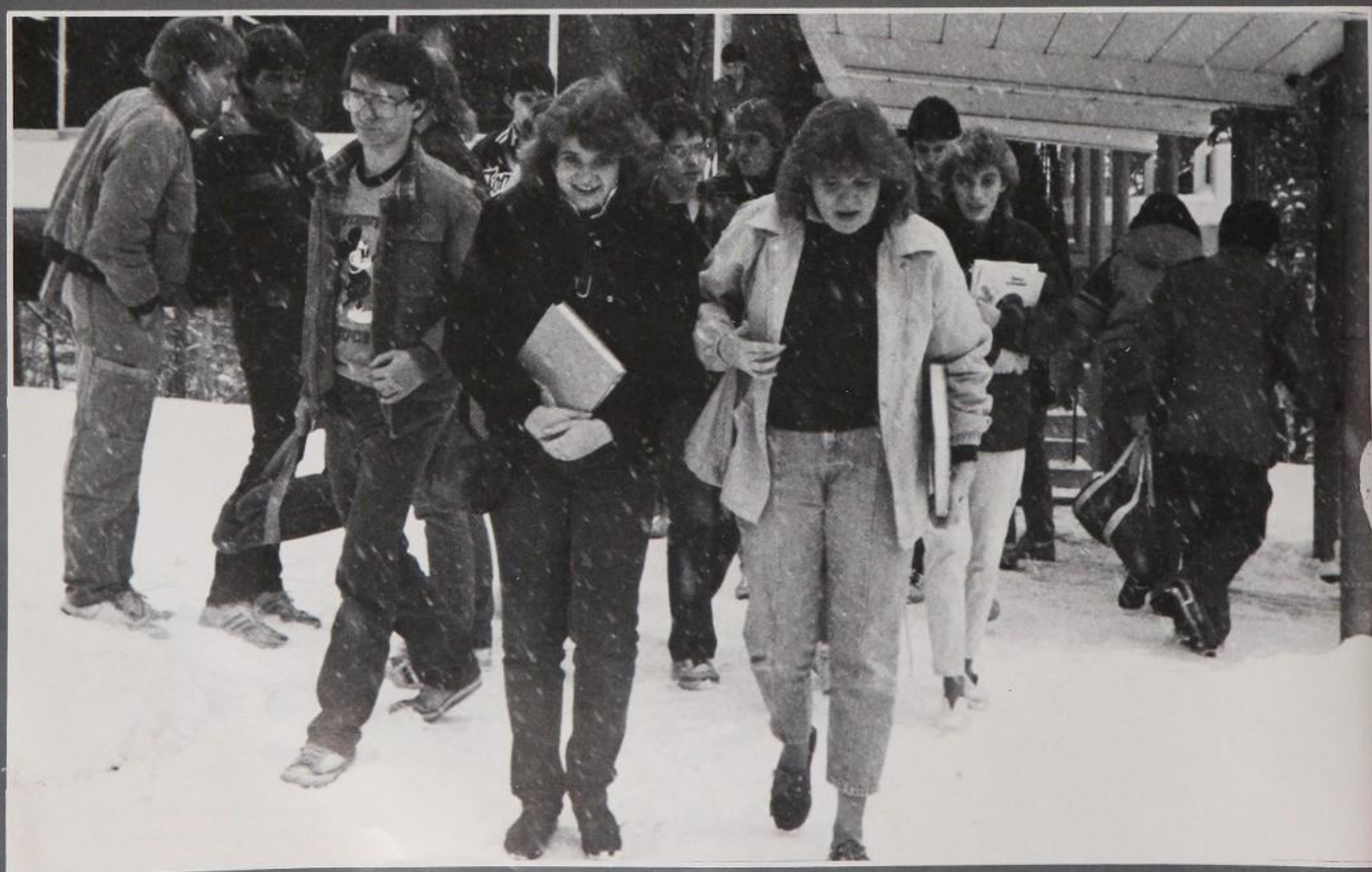
Even though we had such bad snow storms we were lucky to have missed only four days due to the bad weather. But for most students four days was not enough.

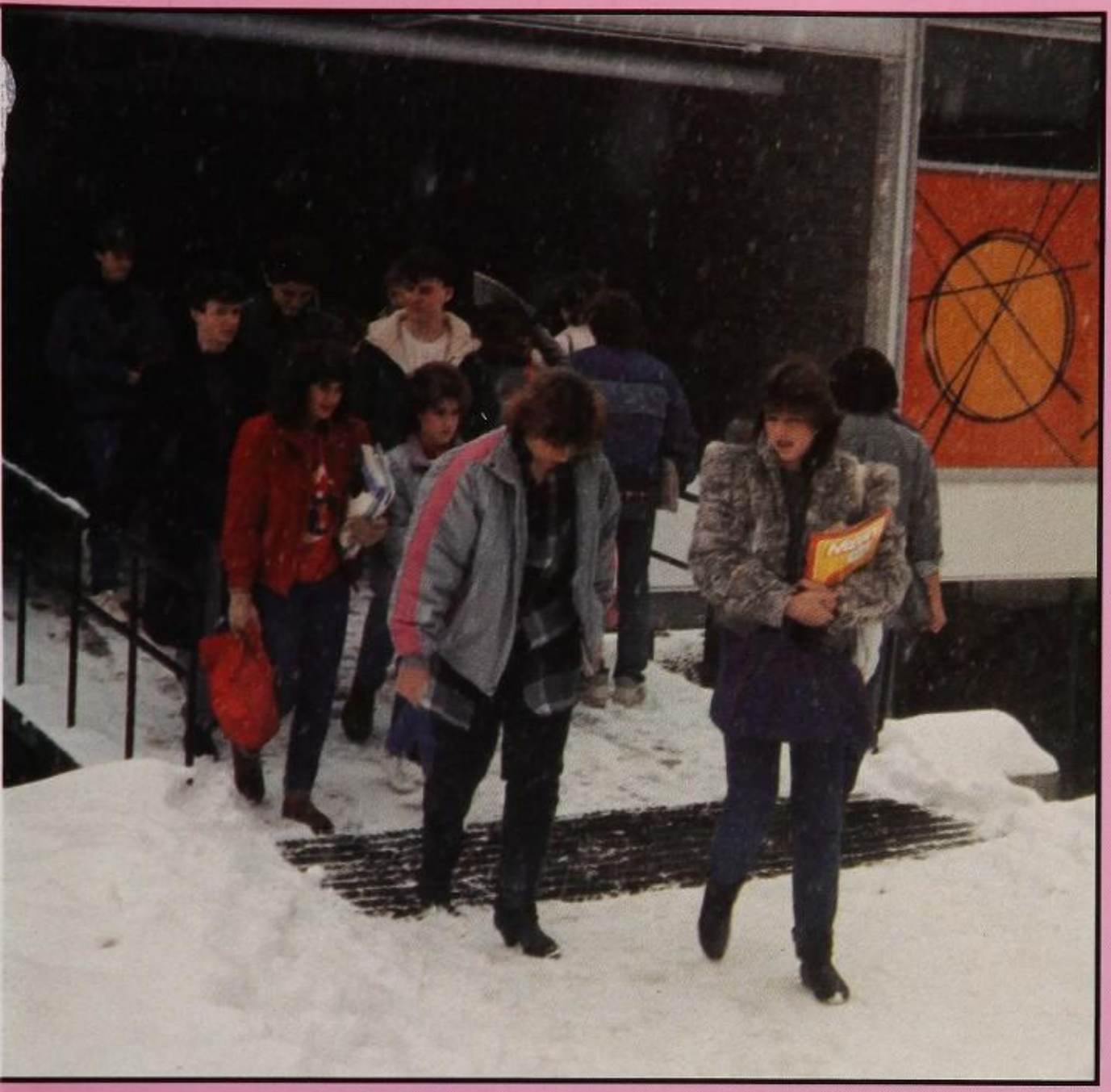
Making the most of the bad weather are freshmen Rebecca Messer and Amy Daniel along with sophomore Erin Lynch.

Laughing while wiping the snow from her hair is junior Jerri Webb accompanied by senior John Holmes as he looks onward.

Enjoying the time away from school, junior Valerie Leaver jumps the slopes at Snow Trails, while on the trip with Ski club.

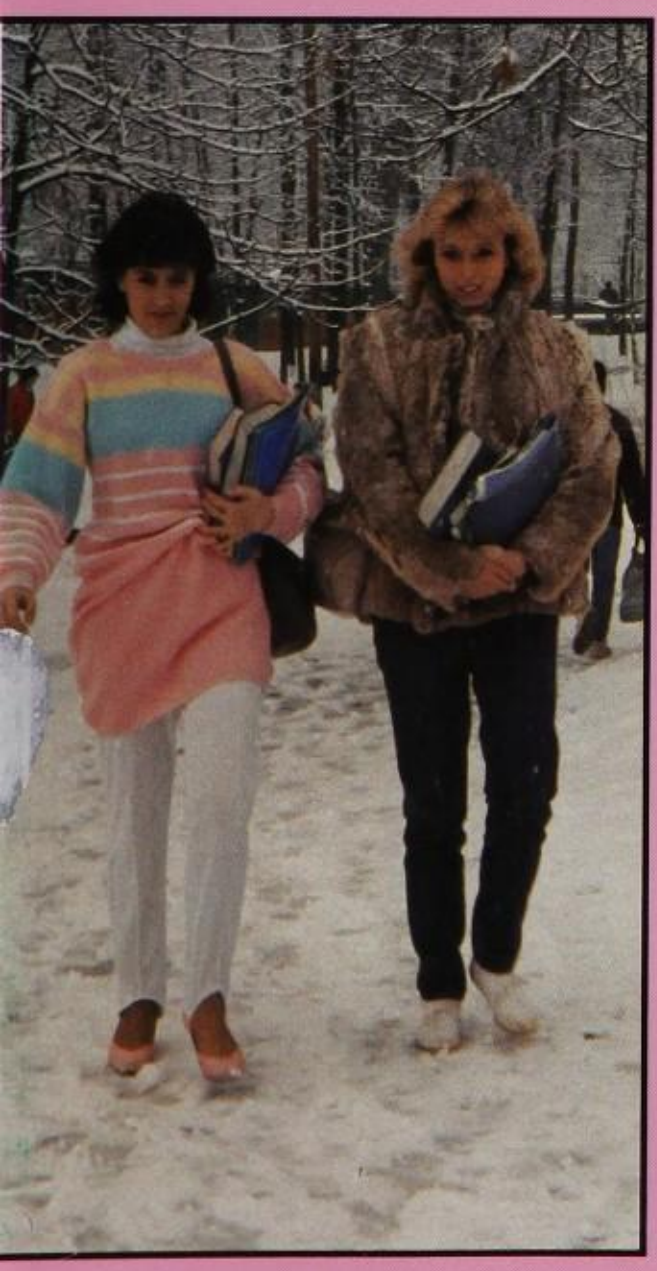
Making their way through the snow are seniors Amy Walters and Kim Wheeler as the snow continues to fall rapidly.





Leaving building two and making their way to sixth period are sophomores Heather Chaffin and Linda Lewis, followed by a few seniors.

Watching their step and trying to keep from falling are sophomores Paula Walsh and Shelly Henderson.



Stepping carefully through the snow on their way to second period are sophomores Heather Thayer and Toni Blevins.

Taking it one step at a time are junior Robert Salyers and freshmen Amy Valentine and Shelley Roberts, after crossing campus.

Homework?!

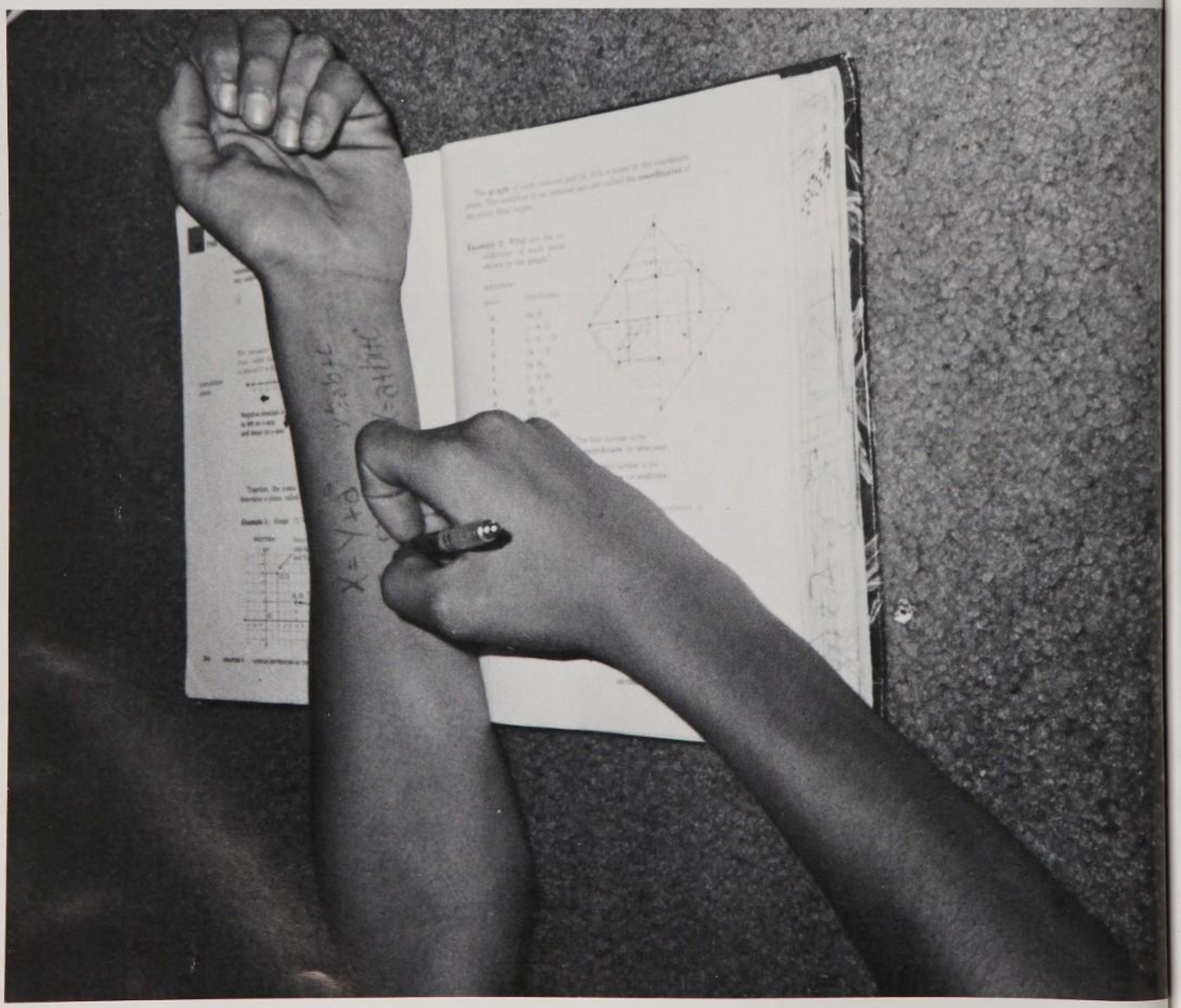
Ever gone to school and found that you have either lost your homework or forgotten an assignment? Or are you just plain lazy? Well, if no catchy excuses come to mind, here are a few that just might help with that certain hard teacher.

Some of the newer and unusual excuses are: "I forgot to do it!" "It's in my locker!" "I got in trouble, and my mother punished me by not letting me do my homework." "I just gave it to you. Don't tell me you lost it already?"

And of course everyone remembers: "But I share a locker with someone else and they have my book this period," or "Well, I had a big test in my second period class and I had to study for it last night!" "It's in my car." "It's in my book . . . at home!"

Good luck trying to use these excuses and if they don't work, well . . . You tried!

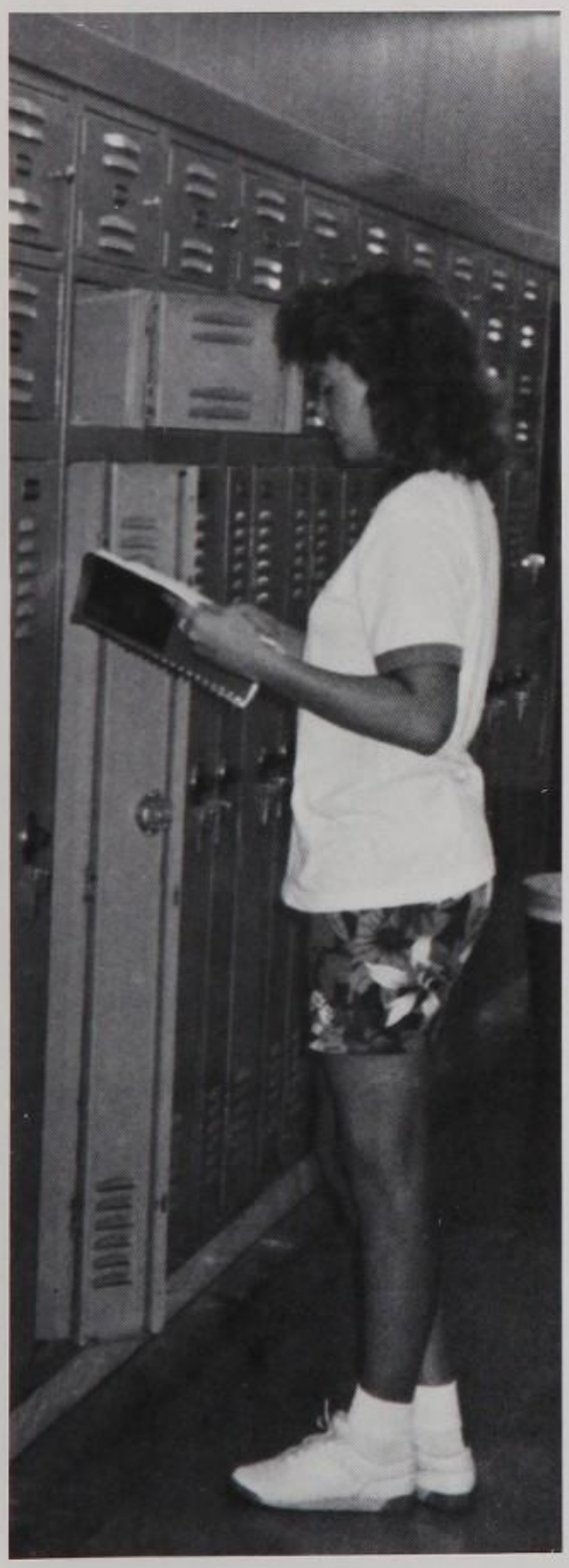
"My dog ate it," is a classic excuse for not having your homework, but in this case Tuffy really ate it.



Following the excuse "My homework is right here on my sleeve . . . no, that's tomorrow's test" is a confused algebra student.

Not having your homework because you sent it to the Board of Education sounds unlikely, but apparently not here as member Jack Williams looks over a students homework.

Someone trying to finish their next period homework in a hurry is displayed here by junior Cavan McCann.



Listen, I Really Would Have Had My Homework But . . .

1. Bigfoot ate it.
2. My canary needed new carpeting. But I can bring it tomorrow if you'd like . . .
3. I was afraid I'd lose it so I mailed it to myself.
4. I thought yesterday was a National Holiday.
5. It was so perfect I'm having it framed.
6. I squashed a bug with it and . . . yuck!
7. I dreamed I did it and thought I'd turned it in.
8. Steven Speilburg bought it for his next movie.
9. I dropped it in the street and a car parked on it.
10. A mugger came up to me on the street and demanded, "Your homework or your life!" What could I do?
11. It accidentally got stuck in the freezer and all of the writing froze and fell off.
12. My sneakers are too big and I stuffed it in the toes . . . you *still* want it?
13. My dad is still home working on it.
14. Here it is on my sleeve . . . oh, no, that's tomorrow's test.
15. My parents made me go out with friends and wouldn't let me come home till after midnight.
16. There weren't any commercials on the station I was watching.
17. It was sucked into a time warp and now lives with Louis XIV.
18. The Smithsonian Institution requested for an exhibit.
19. It's all been said before and I didn't want to bore you.
20. It fell into the black hole in my basement.
21. Too much knowledge is a dangerous thing, and I didn't want to hurt myself.
22. I feel you covered the topic pretty thoroughly in class.
23. I gave it to a poor kid who didn't have any homework.
24. I didn't want to be labeled an over achiever.
25. I sent it to the school board, so they could see how much I've learned from such an intelligent, attractive teacher.
26. I was kidnapped by aliens in a UFO. They kept my homework as an example of our civilization. (*They* gave me an A.)
27. Here it is. I wrote it in the invisible ink I developed for my science project.
28. Life is too short.

Junior Allison Cooper is probably hoping for a miracle that her Spanish III homework will pop up in her locker.

Taking advantage of this time together are Queen, Jodi Williams and her date, Kent Feazell and second attendant, Teresa Savage and her date, Blazer graduate, Steve Crooks.

During halftime activities, senior Todd Childers escorts senior Teresa Savage onto the field, after helping her out of the car.

Dancing to the beat, are juniors Kelley Patterson and her date Alan Stringer at the 1985 Homecoming Dance.

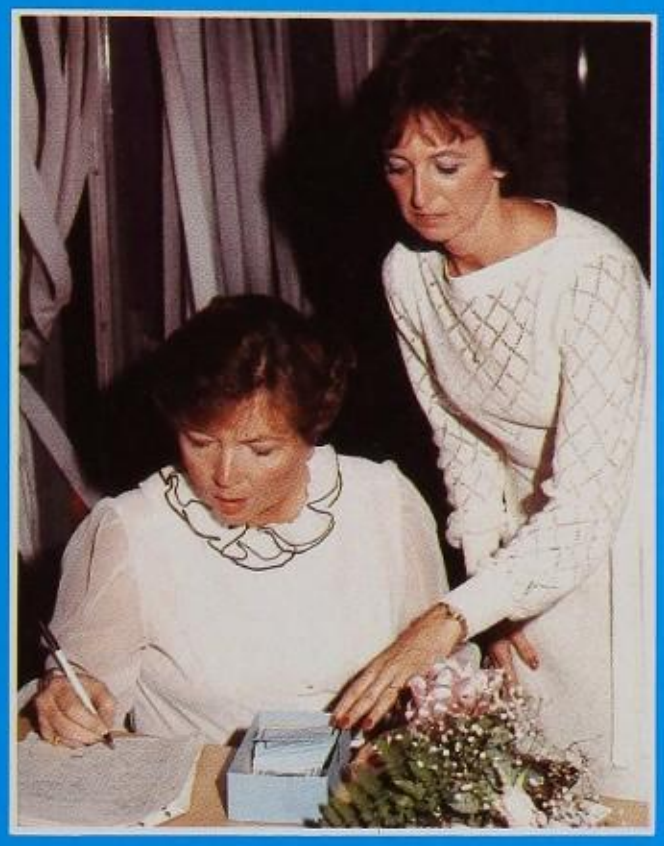
Homecoming Court '85: freshman Nikki Maynard; junior Kris Hart; sophomores Stacey Gray and Carrie Huber; seniors Ashley Ciminella, Teresa Savage, and Jodi Williams; junior Shannon Klabier; freshman Kari Baer.

A Night in "Heaven"

On the night of September twenty-first, excitement was in the air, as the Student Council prepared for the annual Homecoming Dance. The lobby was decorated in different shades of blue, with white clouds, following the theme of the dance, "Heaven." Music was provided by Blazer graduate, Drexel McCalvin. Before the dance many couples chose to have dinner at such favorite restaurants such as Steak & Ale, Fiesta Bravo, or the new hotel, the Quality Inn.

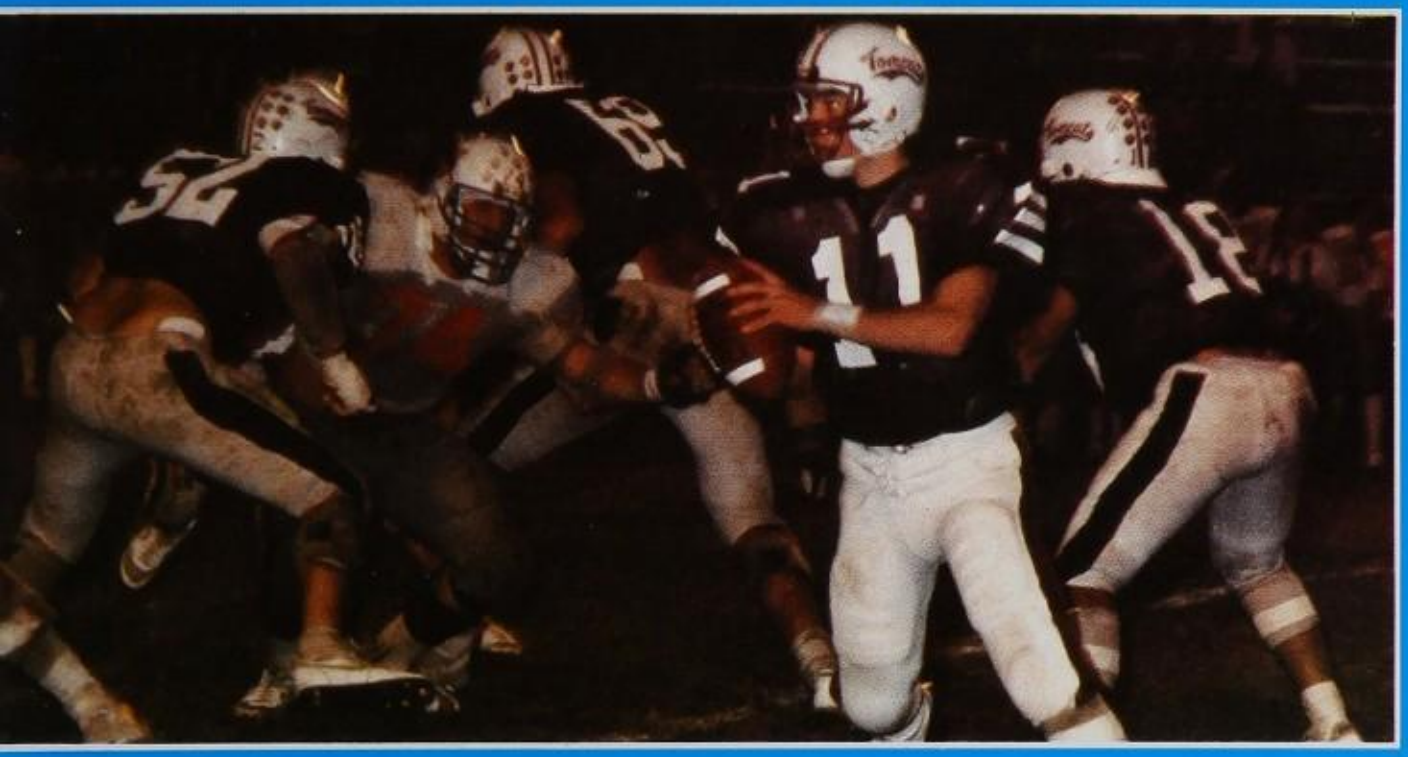
About 10:00 p.m., the Homecoming Court was announced. Jodi Williams was selected Queen, by the senior class. Ashley Ciminella as first attendant, and Teresa Savage as second attendant. The Junior Class selected Kris Hart and Shannon Klaiber as attendants, the Sophomore Class picked Stacey Gray and Carrie Huber. Kari Baer and Nikki Maynard represented the Freshman Class. After the dance many couples ended the evening by attending parties, or going to a movie, or just grabbing a quick bite to eat at a fast-food restaurant.

When asking about Homecoming, we got many different comments. Senior Tina Dove stated, "It was a night I'm sure all seniors will remember." Senior Stephanie Miller commented, "I really liked the decorations. They suited the theme well."



Collecting the tickets for the Homecoming dance was overseen by Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Davis.

Taking a break from dancing are seniors Dale Queen and his date, Tina Dove, at the 1985 Homecoming Dance.

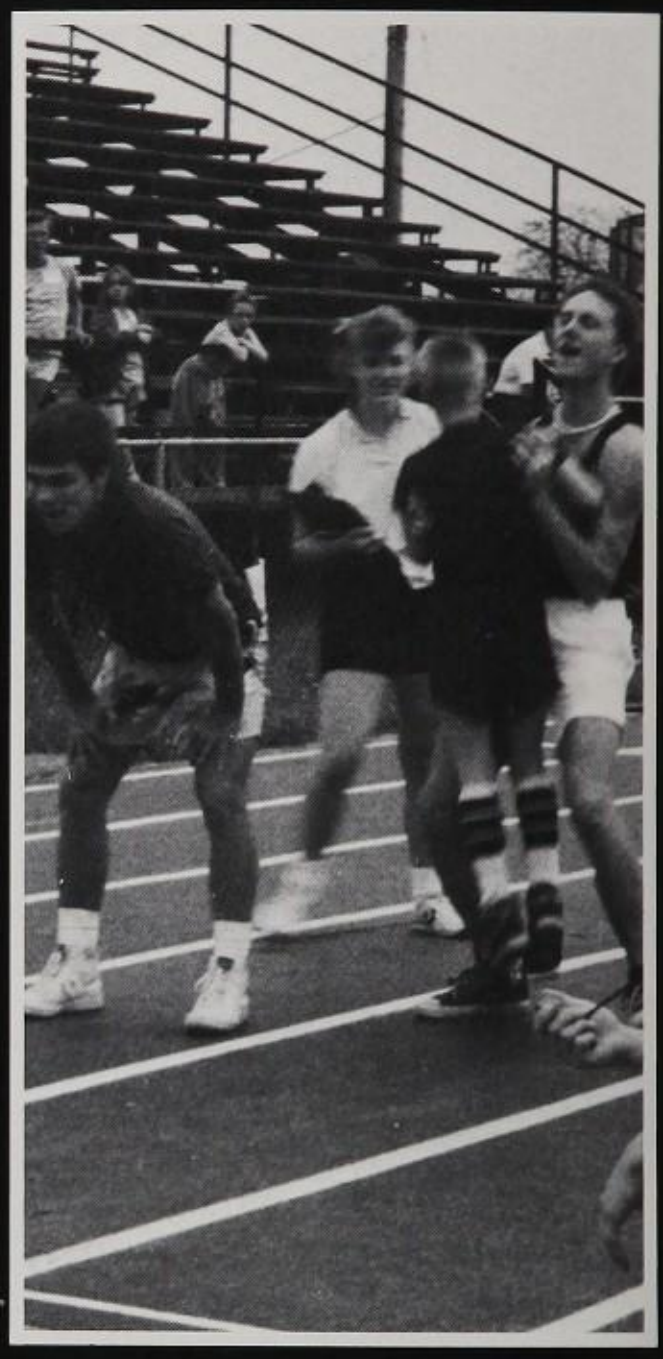


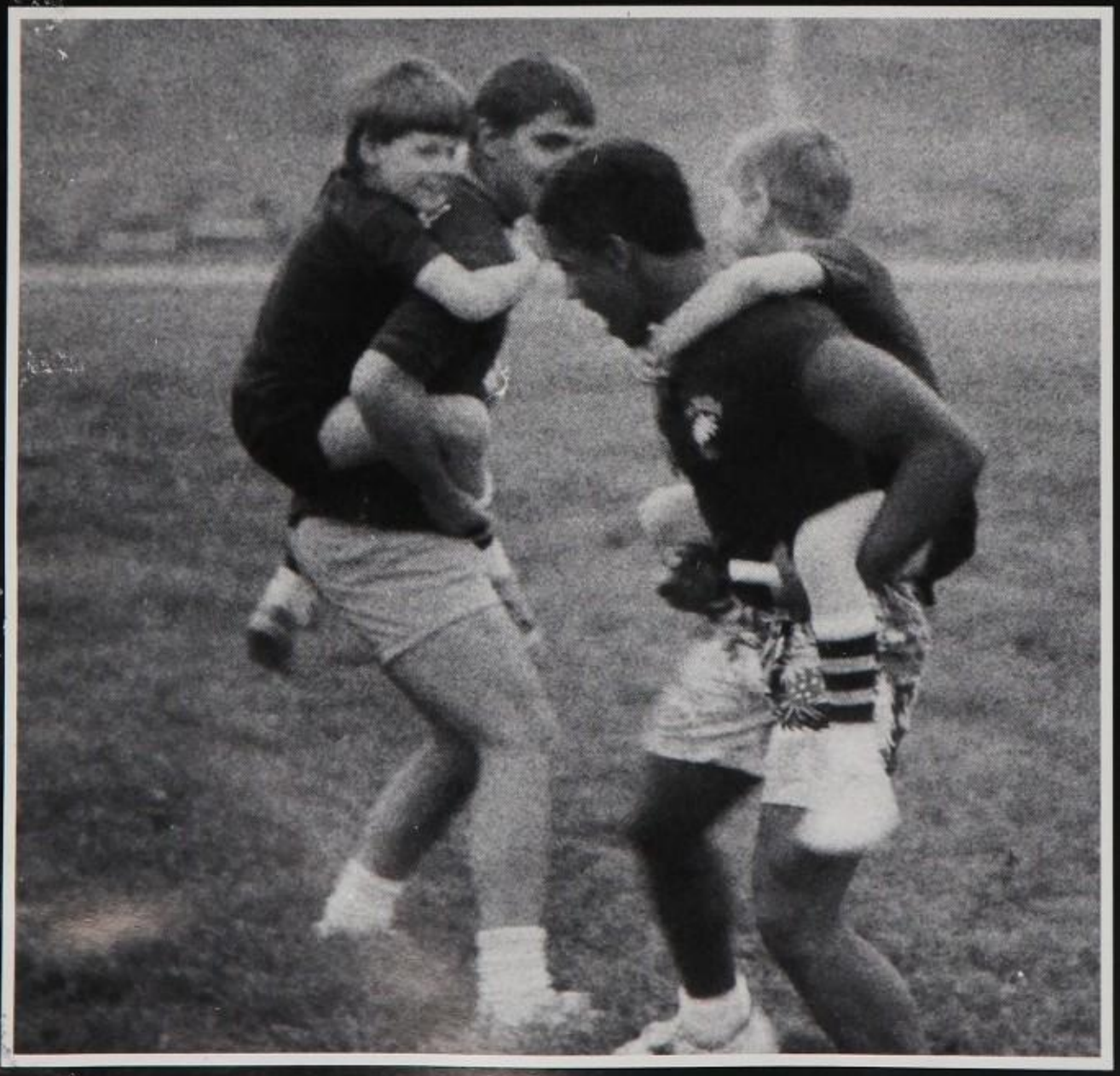
Attempting a pass is senior quarterback Wesley Morrison during the Ashland-Clark County Homecoming Game.

During the dance, the court was announced once more crowning Jodi Williams as Queen, Ashley Ciminella as first attendant and Teresa Savage as second attendant.

Congratulating her little buddy as she gives her the metal is senior Sherry Crum. Sherry's little buddy won many events.

Waiting patiently to catch his little buddy as he crosses the finish is Tim Nelson, as Tyler McCallister hugs his winner.





Giving his little buddy words of encouragement is senior Tyler McCallister saying not to give up, everyone is a winner.

Holding on tight to their little buddies are seniors Kent Feazell and Toby Tolbert as they have a chicken fight!

Something Special

The Special Olympics is an event held every year for the special children in the area school systems.

The Senior Leaders of the physical education classes, plus the outstanding senior class students were chosen to help with this special event. Fifty students were selected from Paul Blazer. There were representatives from Boyd County, Fairview, Greenup County, and Russell.

The events held in the olympics included the softball throw, several track events in running, standing long jump, the frisby throw, and many more events. Winners were presented medals.

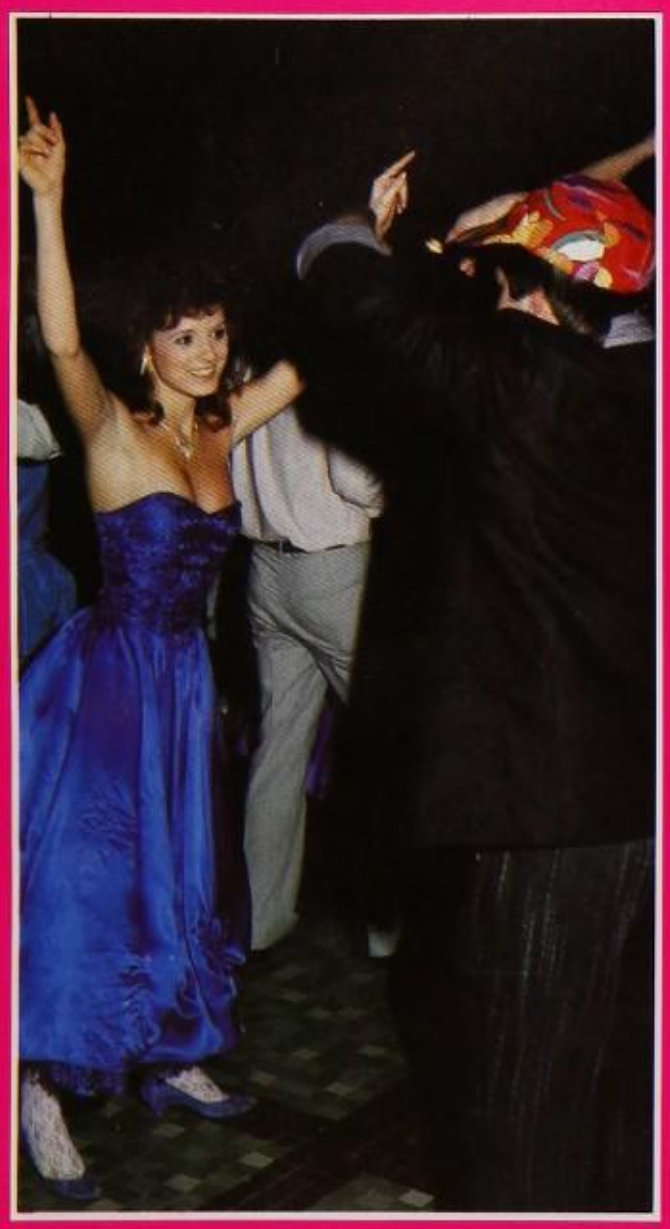
When asked about the Special Olympics, Senior Tyler McCallister stated, "I really enjoyed the day with my little buddy. I learned a lot from being with him."

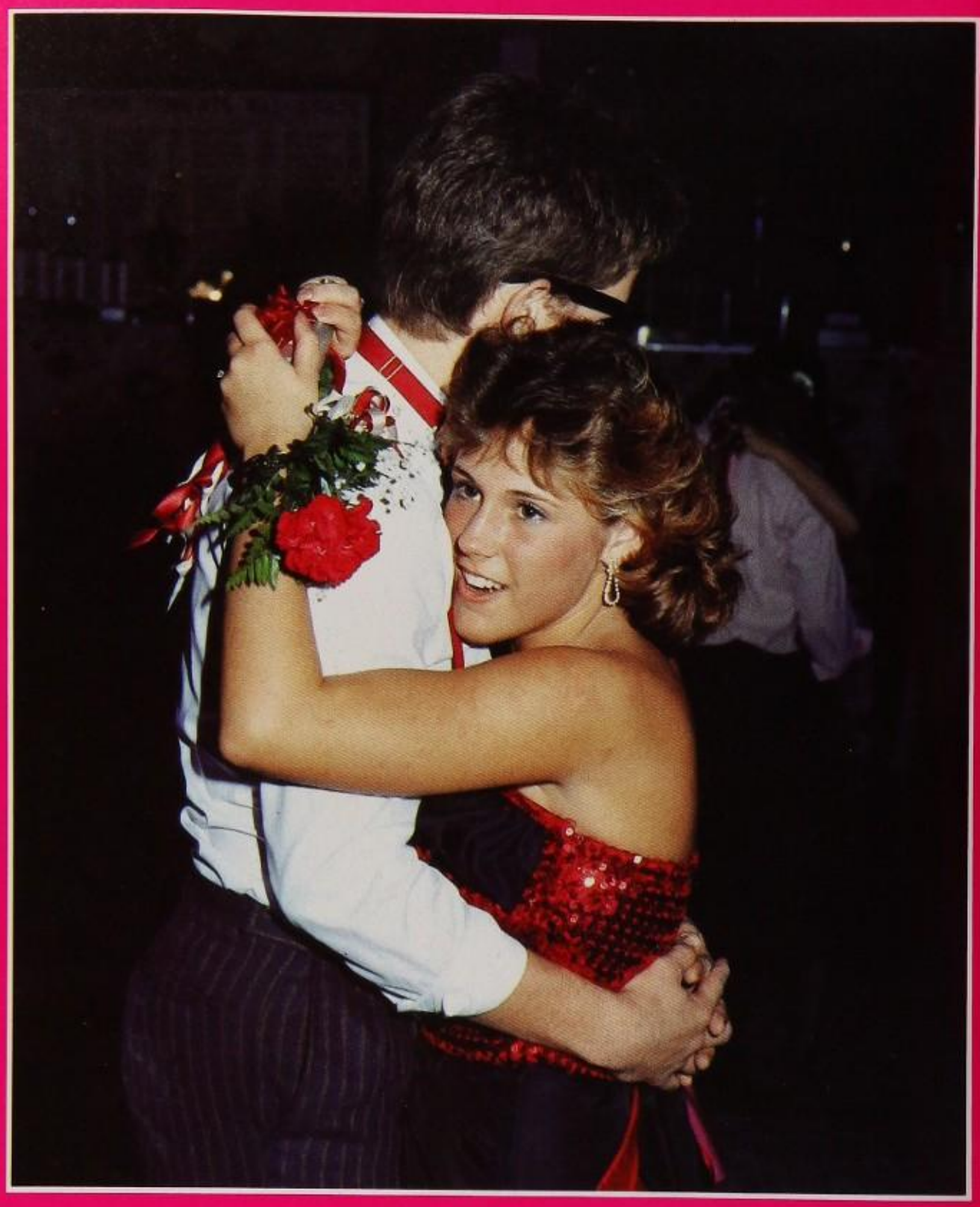
Catching her little buddy as she crosses the finish line is senior Sherry Crum. After the event, she was awarded a medal.

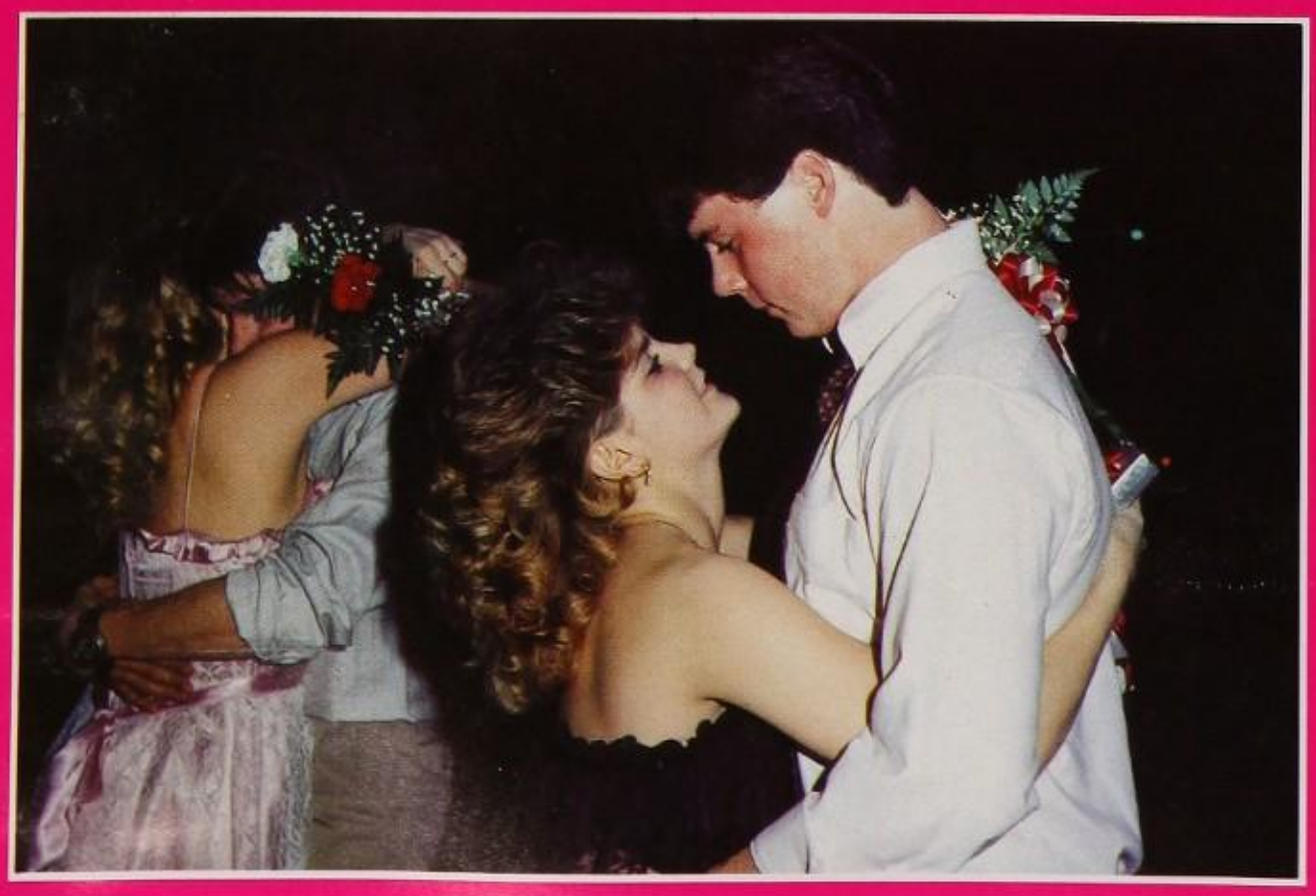
Swinging her little buddy is senior Kristi Nunley as they celebrate their win in one of the events.

Dancing to "Remember the Feeling" is freshman Lex Hyre and his date, Freshman attendant Angie Reed.

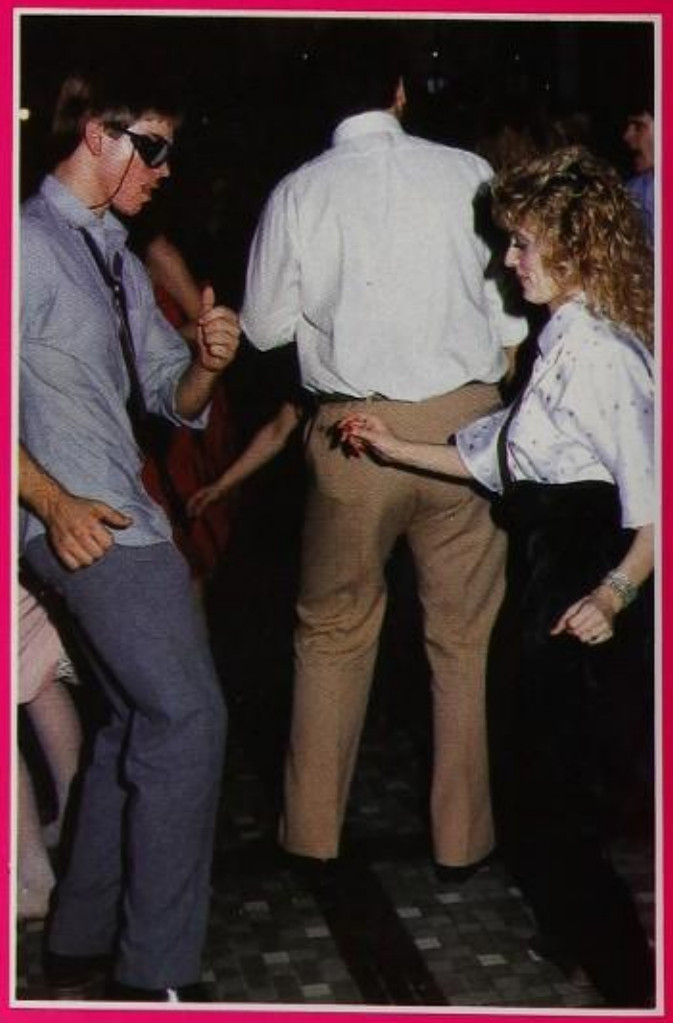
Dancing with arms up in the air is Blazer graduate Suzanne Davis and her date, senior Todd Childers.







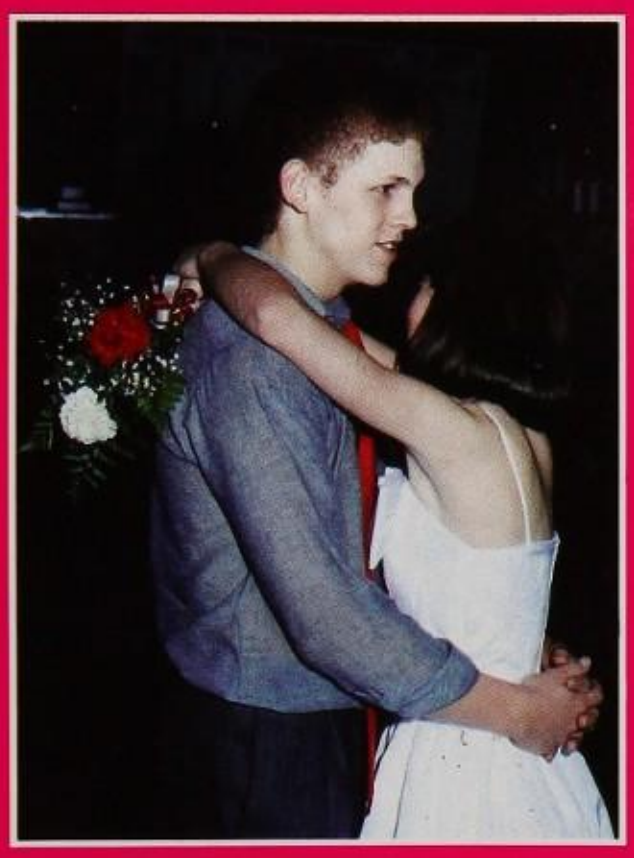
Looking at each other eye to eye is Junior attendant Beth Gossett and her date Mark Salmon during the dance honoring the court.



Dancing to the beat of the music with his shades on is senior Wesley Morrison and his date, senior Cheri DePriest.

Showing excitement is senior Jane Compton as she is being crowned Queen of the Sweethearts Dance.

Watching all of the others dance and talking among themselves are seniors Robin Meade and Beth Haney along with her date Blazer graduate Jeff Meade.



"Remember the Feeling"

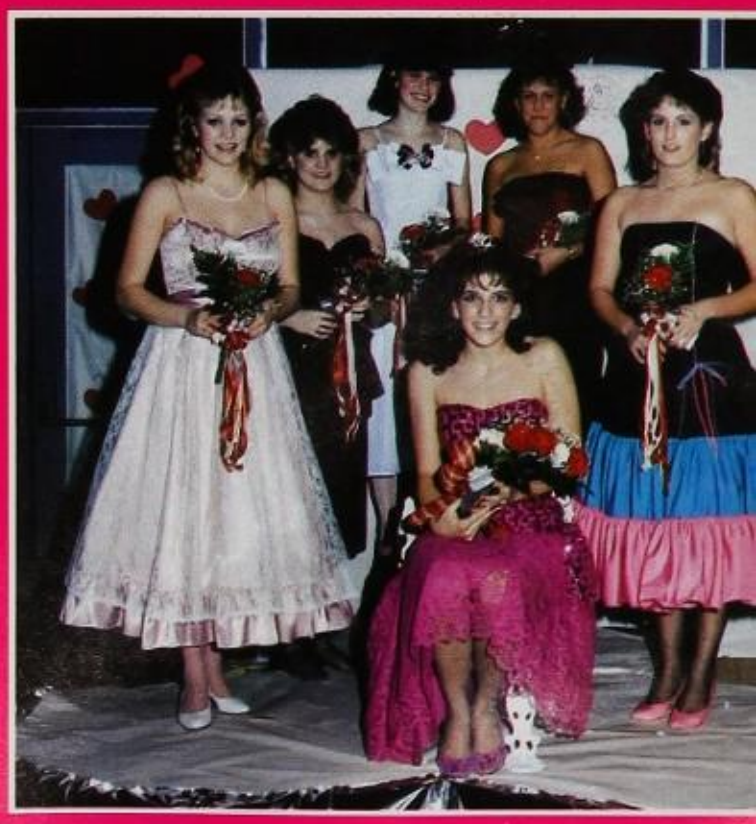
The Sweethearts Dance this year was as usual a very special one. The dance was sponsored by Theta, Sigmey and Key Clubs. Decorations were of the traditional red and white hearts, cupids and clouds. The theme set the stage for the entire evening "Remember the Feeling."

Selected as Sweetheart this year was Jane Compton with Donna Davis first runner up and Stacee Stevens second runner up. The other attendants from their respective classes were- Beth Gossett, junior class -Stacy Koontz, sophomore class -Angie Reed, freshman class.

A variety of dance music was provided by Drexel McCalvin. As the evening come to a close, the guest went on their ways "Remembering the Feeling" of a special night.

Concentrating on dancing is sophomore Scott Neal and his date sophomore attendant Stacey Koontz during the dance honoring the queen and her court.

Taking a break from dancing is senior Lajohnda Highfield and her date, Blazer graduate David Russell.



The Sweethearts Court: Front Row: Queen Jane Compton. Back Row: Second attendant, senior Stacee Stephens; junior Beth Gossett; sophomore Stacey Koontz; freshman Angie Reed; and First attendant, senior Donna Davis.

Raising her arms to the beat of the music are seniors Tina L. Smith and her date senior Steve Ware.

Having a few peaceful moments before entering the ballroom is senior Mike Carley and his date junior Jennifer Maynard.

Sharing a slow dance with her date Shawn Cordel is senior Kim Eby. The music was provided by Billy Ray and the Main St. Band.

Standing in line for their Prom pictures are seniors Brenda Brown, Dannie Sallie and Sabrina Riley with her date.

Snapping their fingers to the beat of Billy Ray is senior Stacee Stephens and her date Jessie Parsons.

A Night to End All Nights!

This is the night that all juniors and seniors look forward to arriving. For juniors their first experience of a dream filled night, and seniors their last, but best experience of a wonderful Prom.

It all starts early in the afternoon with the girls having hair and make-up appointments, while their dates are picking up flowers and cleaning the automobile being used that night.

The time finally arrives to get out of your oldest pair of blue jeans and into your formals and tuxes. "He's here!!!" After seeing a thousand flashes of a camera it's onward to the pre-prom parties where there are still more flashes! "Say cheese!!"

Next comes the fine dinner from popular places such as Steak and Ale, Permons, Alpine Village and Shady Brook, to name just a few.

Finally it's on to the dance. This year's Prom was a little different. It was held in the ballroom of the new Quality Inn instead of the traditional place, the gym and lobby.

At eleven o'clock the crowd waits for the announcement of the King and Queen and their court. As announced, second attendants were Steve Dempsey and Christy Bryant. First attendants were John Holmes and Robin Meade. The Prom King was Kent Feazell and Missy Forte was crowned Prom Queen '86.

After approximately eighteen hours of dining, dancing, and partying, everyone sleepily makes their way into bed to sleep, dreaming of their night to end all nights.

Prom Court '86: Second Attendants - Steve Dempsey, Christy Bryant; King Kent Feazell and Queen Missy Forte; First Attendants - John Holmes, Robin Meade.

Dancing the night away with his sun glasses on is senior Jimmy Flutey and his date junior Billie Kelley.

Taking a break from dancing to listen to the music is junior Jennifer Pruitt and her date James Johnson.

Pints for life

On Tuesday October 8th, 1985 the Student Council conducted the annual Blood Drive sponsored by the American Red Cross. The Blood Drive's goal was 100 pints of blood. We failed to reach this goal but with the help of many contributors the Red Cross received 76 pints of blood.

There are many requirements that a person must follow in order to give blood. You must be at least 17 years of age and weigh over 105 pounds. If you have a disease such as mononucleosis, hepatitis, malaria or if you are a hemophiliac you cannot give blood because it may cause damage to the recipient.

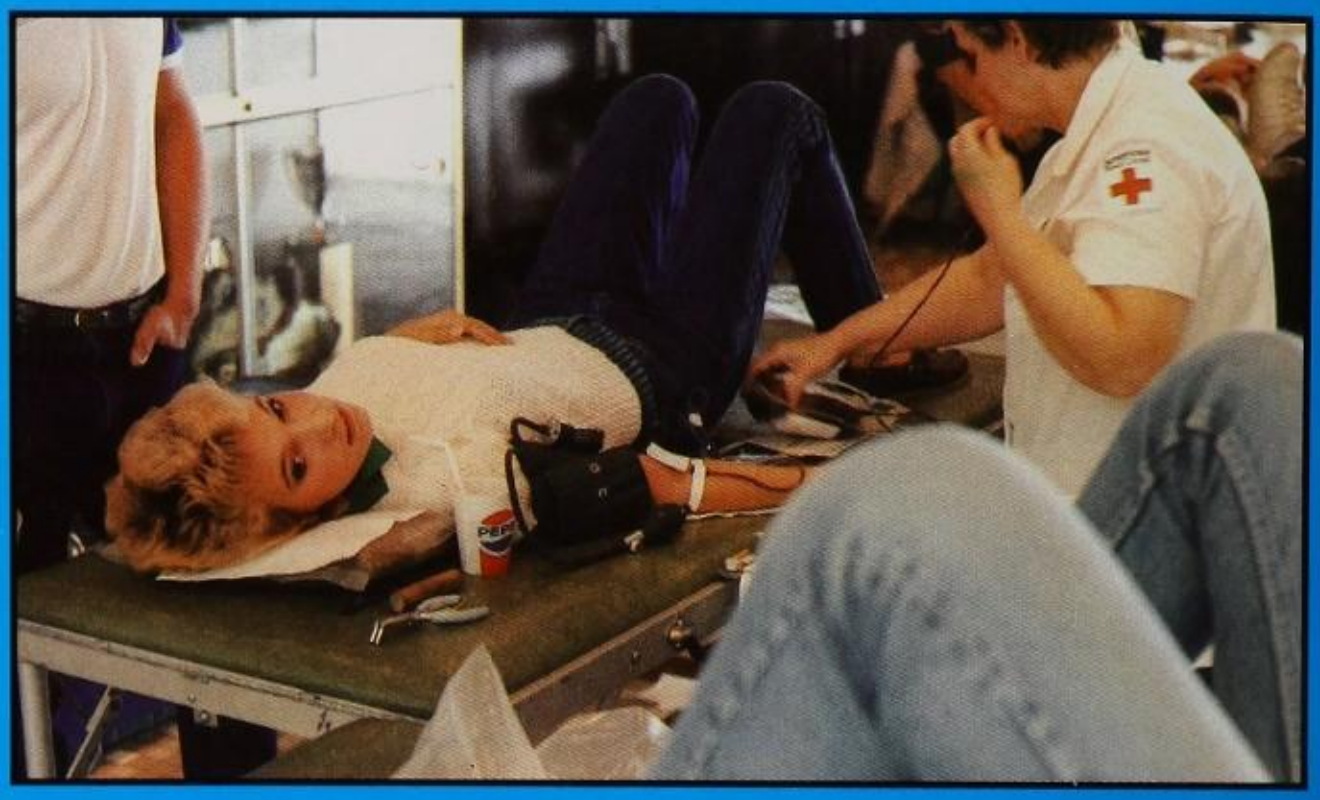
The process of giving blood takes about 45 minutes to an hour. First, your temperature is checked then your blood pressure, and your pulse are checked to see if you are qualified to donate blood.

After these simple processes are completed the donor moves to a bed and the blood is drawn from the donor. Afterwards, the donor then moves to the canteen to eat a snack to help rebuild the donor's energy.

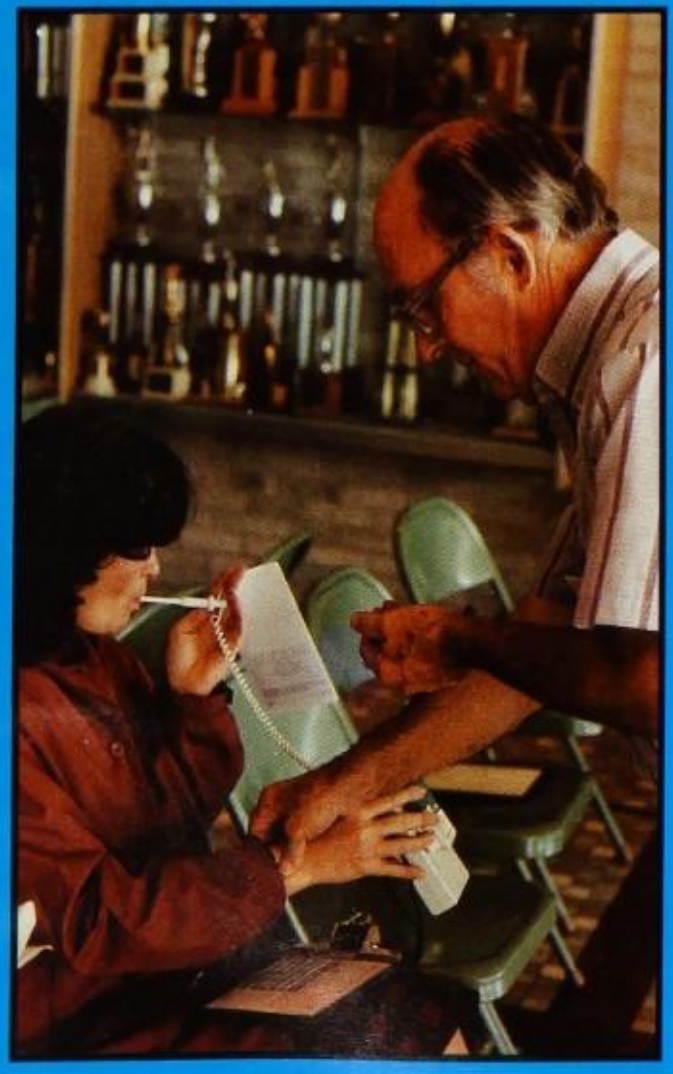
Many students and faculty members participated in this event. Some passed out, some got sick, but most of the donors were fine.

"It hurt when they stuck me in the arm," stated Senior Kevin Blake.

Some people commented on the event: Senior Missy Forte "I was really nervous but once I layed down and the needle was in my arm I was fine."

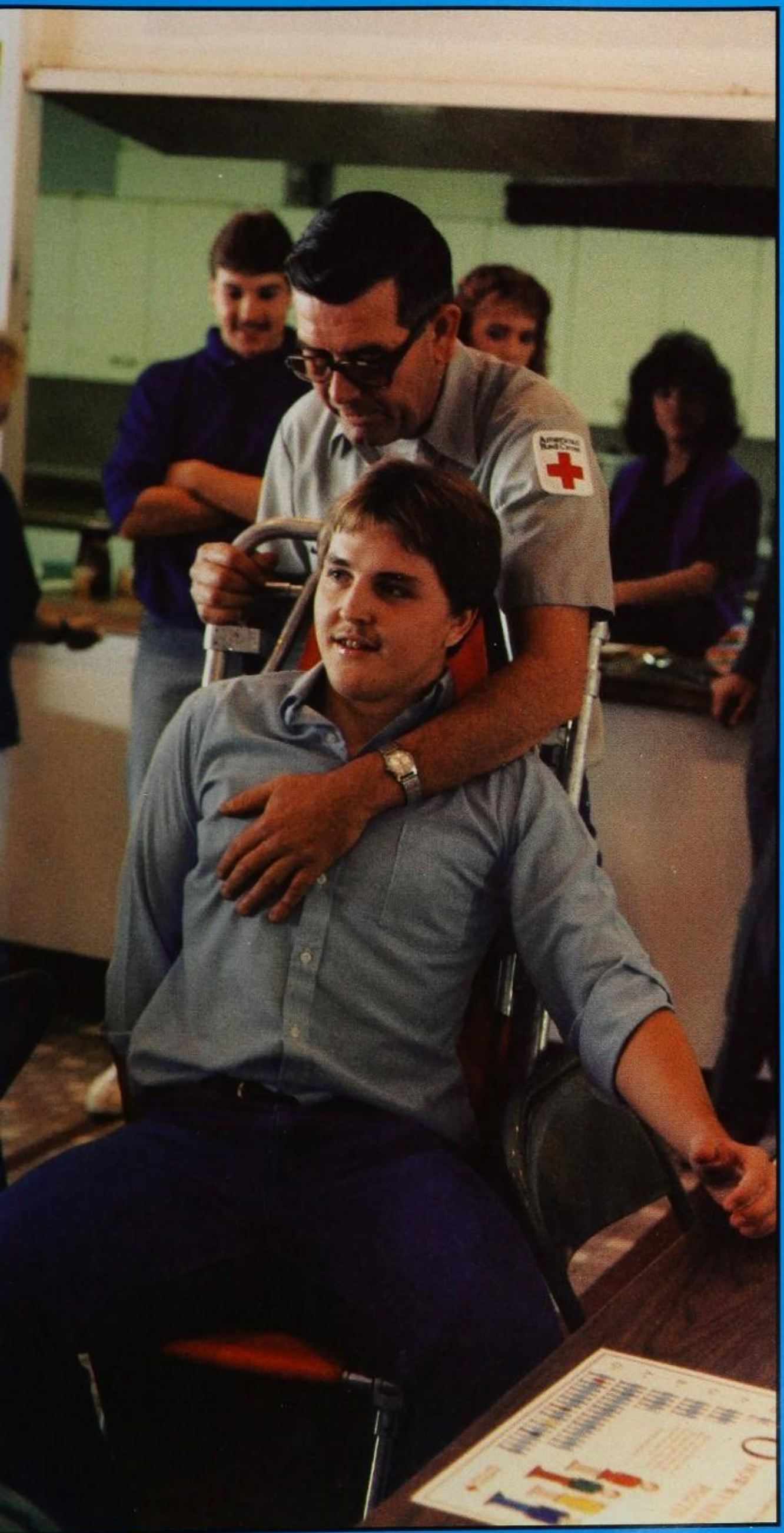


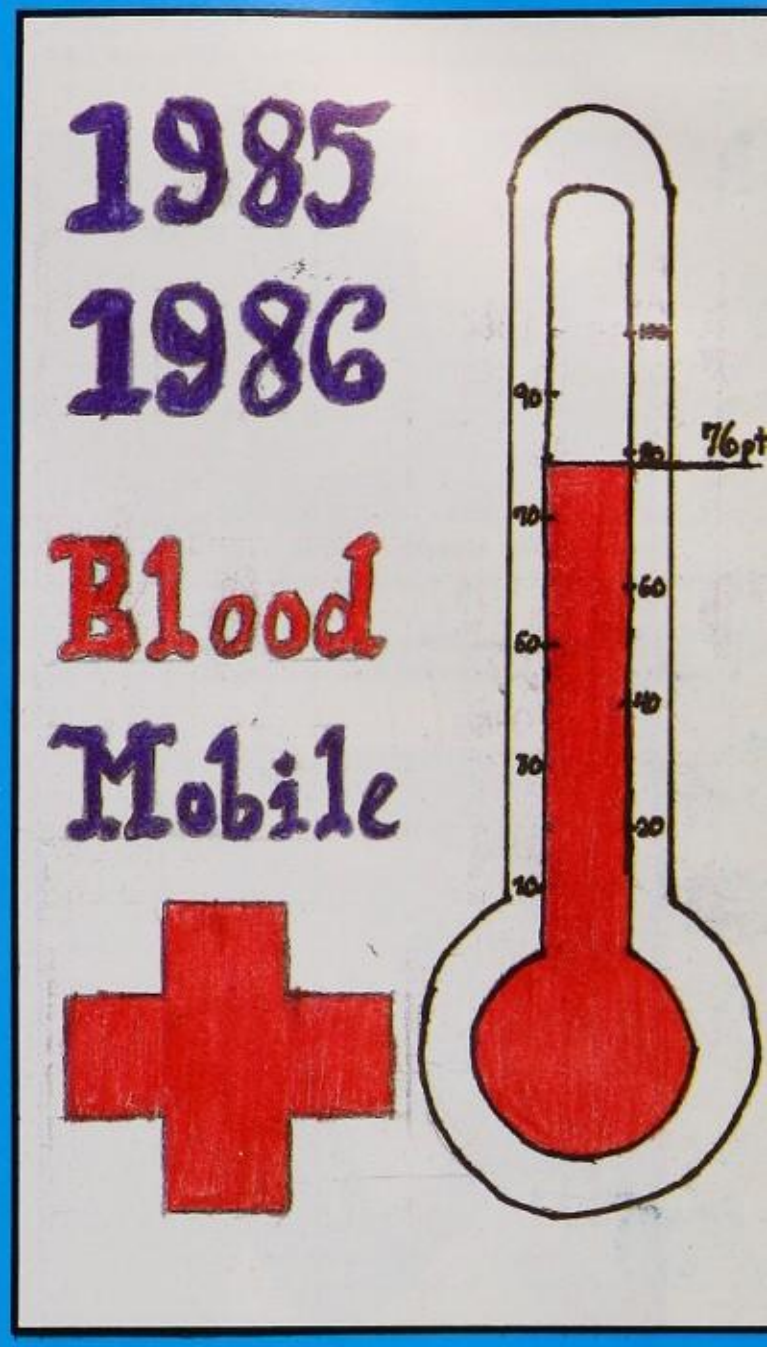
Resting and watching, Suzanne Justice donates blood to help others.

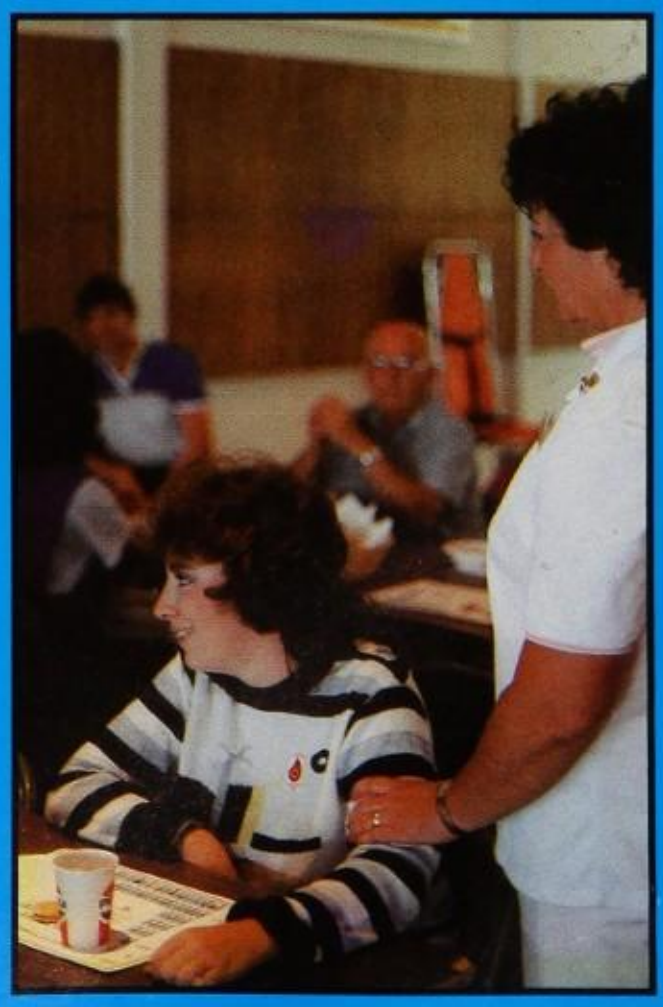


Having her temperature checked, faculty member Srs. Johnson goes through one of the first steps of giving blood.

Breathing through an oxygen mask is Senior Michelle Moore after she gave blood in the Blood Drive sponsored by Student Council







Having the nurse check her pulse to see if her blood count is back to normal is Senior Barbara Stover.

After becoming faint, Senior Rece Ryan is wheeled off by a Red Cross Volunteer.

Into the Future

The 24th commencement exercises held on Tuesday May 27th was in the James A. Anderson Gymnasium due to threatening weather. The graduates heard encouraging words from Reverand Gary Ausbun and by Dr. William Watson Purkey.

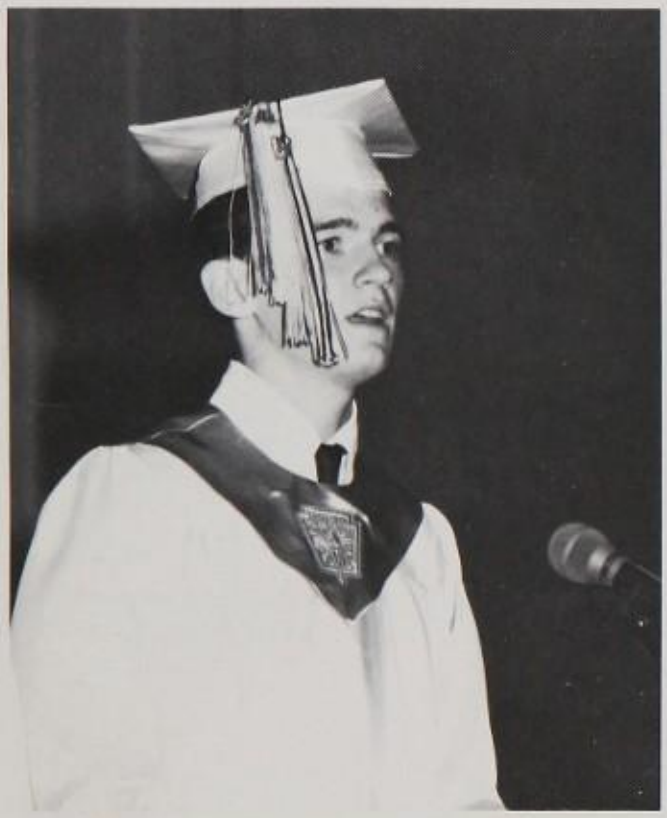
Announced as winners of the Pollock Awards were Diane Bales and Kevin Riley. Graduating Summa Cum Laude in order of rank were Diane Bales, Rick Long, Chris Howell, Kevin Riley, Kristie Nunley, Greg Rice, David Hill, Bill McKinney, Cindy Pitsenberger, Noel Quade, Jon Goolsby, and Candace Canafax.

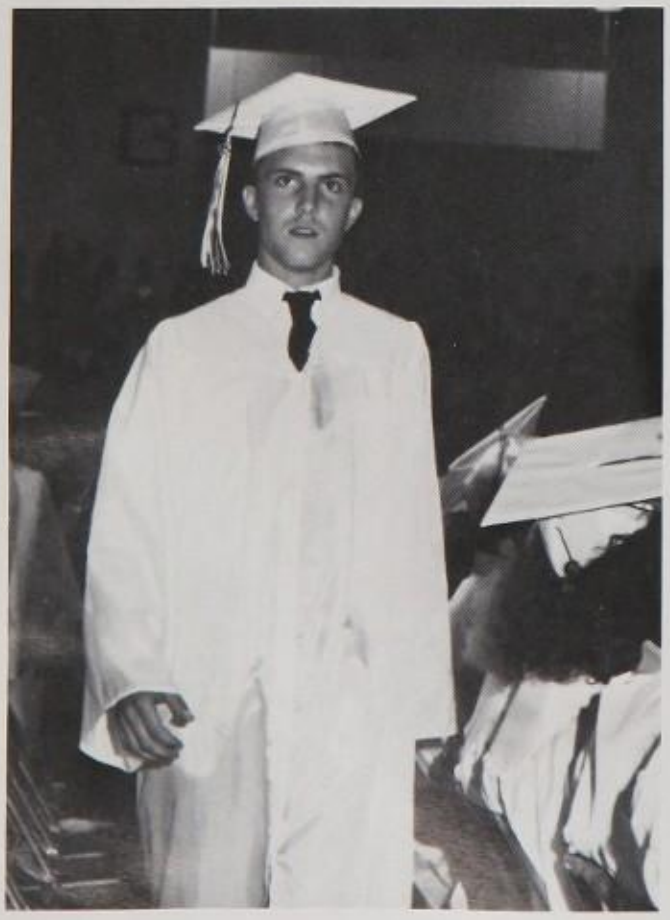
The class of 233 graduates turned to walk out of the gymnasium to the beat of Pomp and Circumstances and placed sunglasses on inferring that they were ready to hit the beach or wherever else they plan to go after their big night.

Some attended parties at homes of friends, some went to a late movie, and others returned home to their families. The future is ahead of them, who knows what their destiny holds.

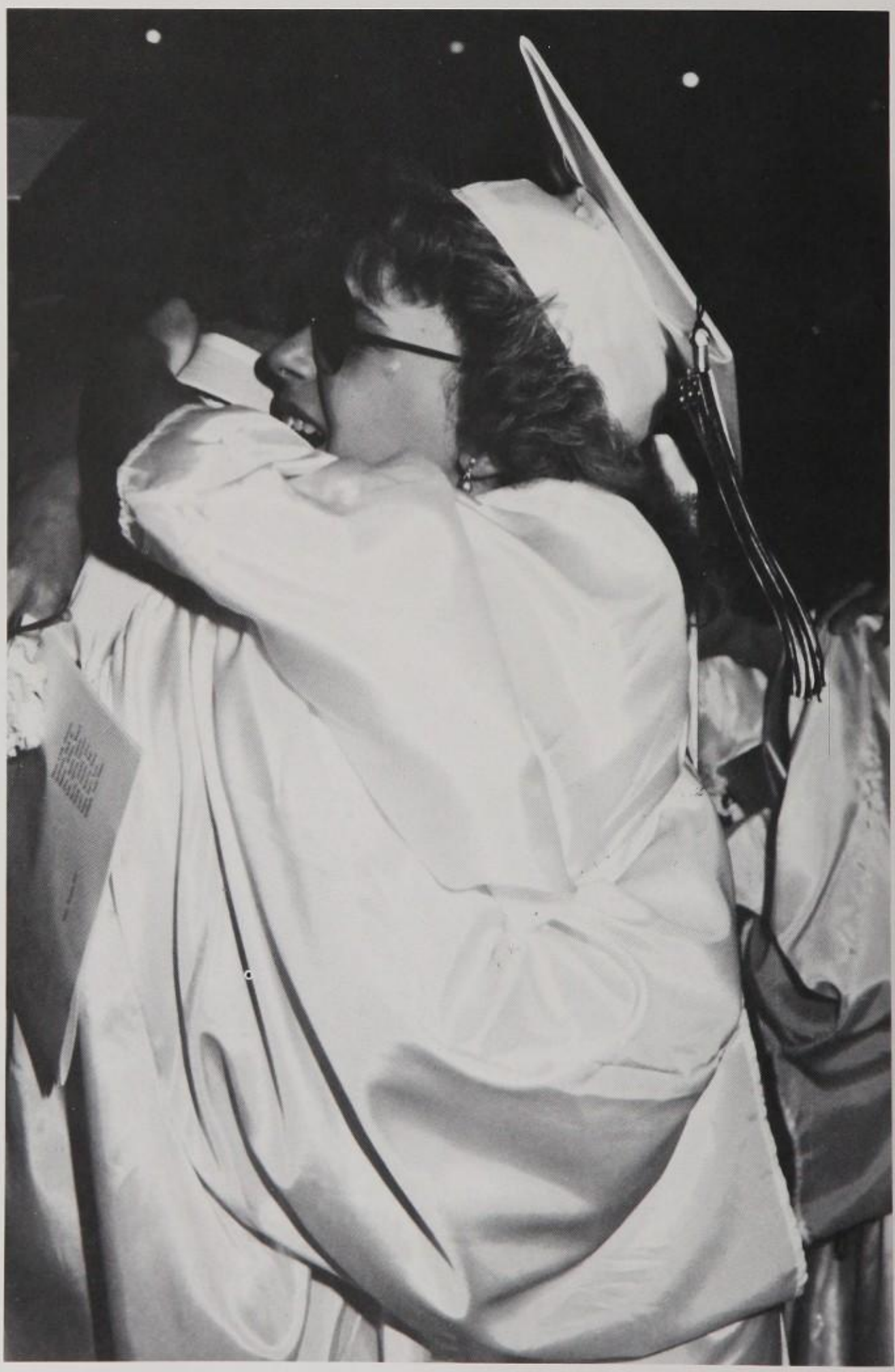
Hugging a friend after graduation ceremonies with her sunglasses on is senior Suzanne Justice.

Giving the invocation to the graduating class of 1986 is senior class president Greg Rice, who graduated Summa Cum Laude.



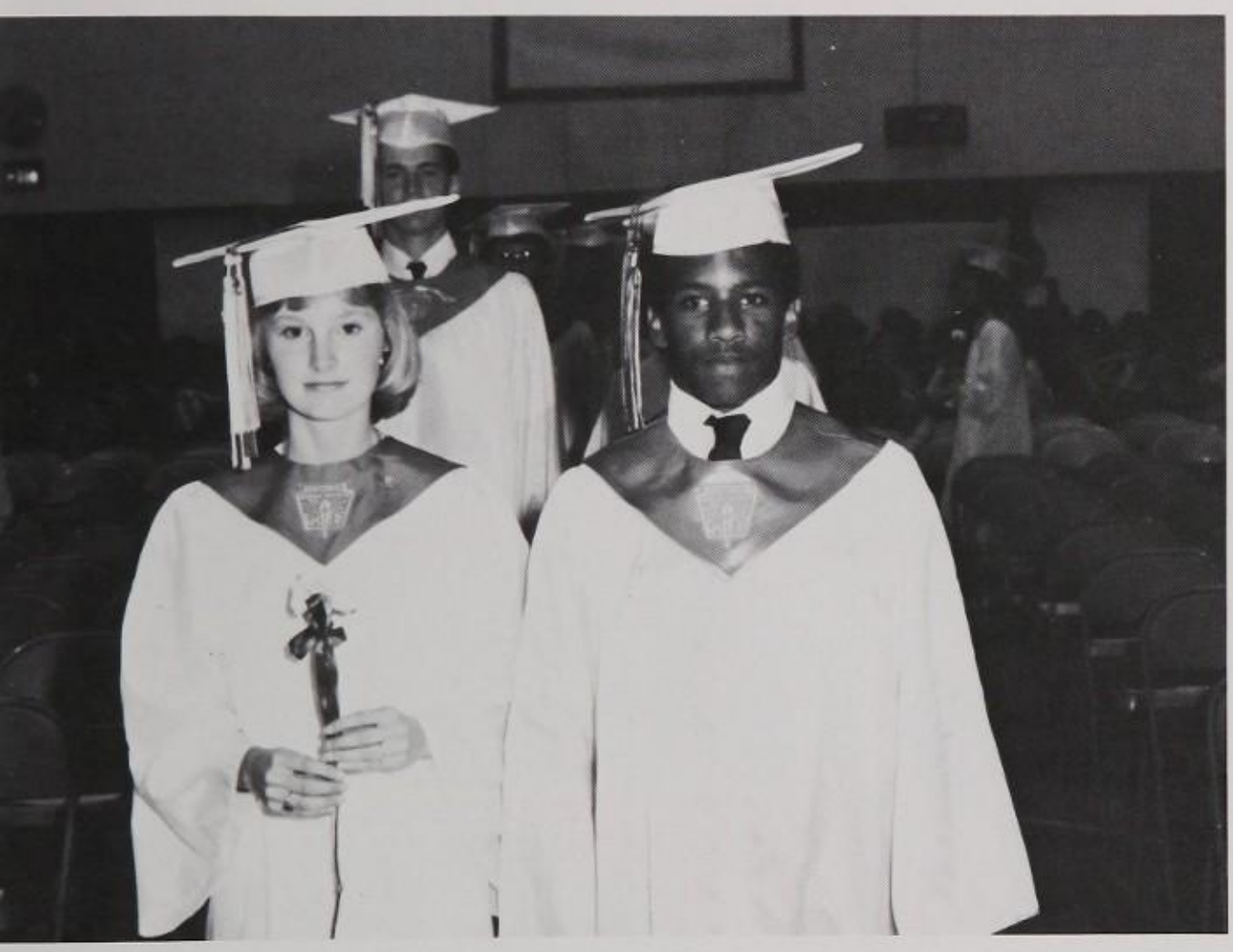


Walking down the aisle to go receive his diploma is an excited and speechless senior, Tyler McCallister.



Gathering outside after the graduation ceremonies are seniors Joe Broughton and Jamie Moore as they say their final good-byes to Blazer High School. Due to the bad weather graduation ceremonies were held in the gymnasium.

Wiping the tears from her face after sharing a sad moment with a close friend is senior Angel Beardsley.



Watching her step as she walks off stage from receiving her diploma is senior graduate Suzanne Alvey.

Filing into the gymnasium is Summa Cum Laude graduate Kristi Nunley and Magna Cum Laude graduate Tobey Tolbert.

Listening to the speaker with patience during the graduation ceremonies are members of the graduating class.

Lip "SyNC" dominates Talent Show

This year's talent show was hosted by the Hi-life Staff. Senior editor Kim Eby served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the show. This activity raised approximately $812.00 to help fund the 1986 yearbook.

The show opened with a guitar solo by senior Gene Dobson. Then senior Tiera Gonzales sang Amy Grant's "Love Will Find a Way." Junior Anne Marie Queen then did a lip sync to "Do It For Love" made popular by Sheena Easton. Next was freshman Robbie Cox lip syncing to "Footloose" by Kenny Loggins. The fifth act was another lip sync to "To Young To Fall In Love" by Motley Crue as Matt Helms, Tim Robertson, David Conley, and Todd Cheek "crued" their way through their number. Kelly Johnson, Roy Medley, Todd Henry, Gene Vaughn, and Steve Blake followed doing a lip sync to Ready For The World's "Oh Shelia." Sophomore Michael Moore then sang "Heart of Rockin' Roll" by Huey Lewis and the News which aroused the crowd. Sophomores Crissy Corwin, Debbie Riley, and Angela DeZarn joined by freshman Andrea Lewis then danced to "Strut" by Sheena Easton. The ninth act was performed by freshman Dennie Ross doing still another lip sync to Jack Wagner's "Too Young." During the course of this act he gave junior Alysa Stephens a long stem rose as he was serenading her. Senior Tina Smith followed by singing "I Know" by Madonna. The final act was a song, sang by Kelley Patterson, junior. This was the song "Friends" by Michael W. Smith.

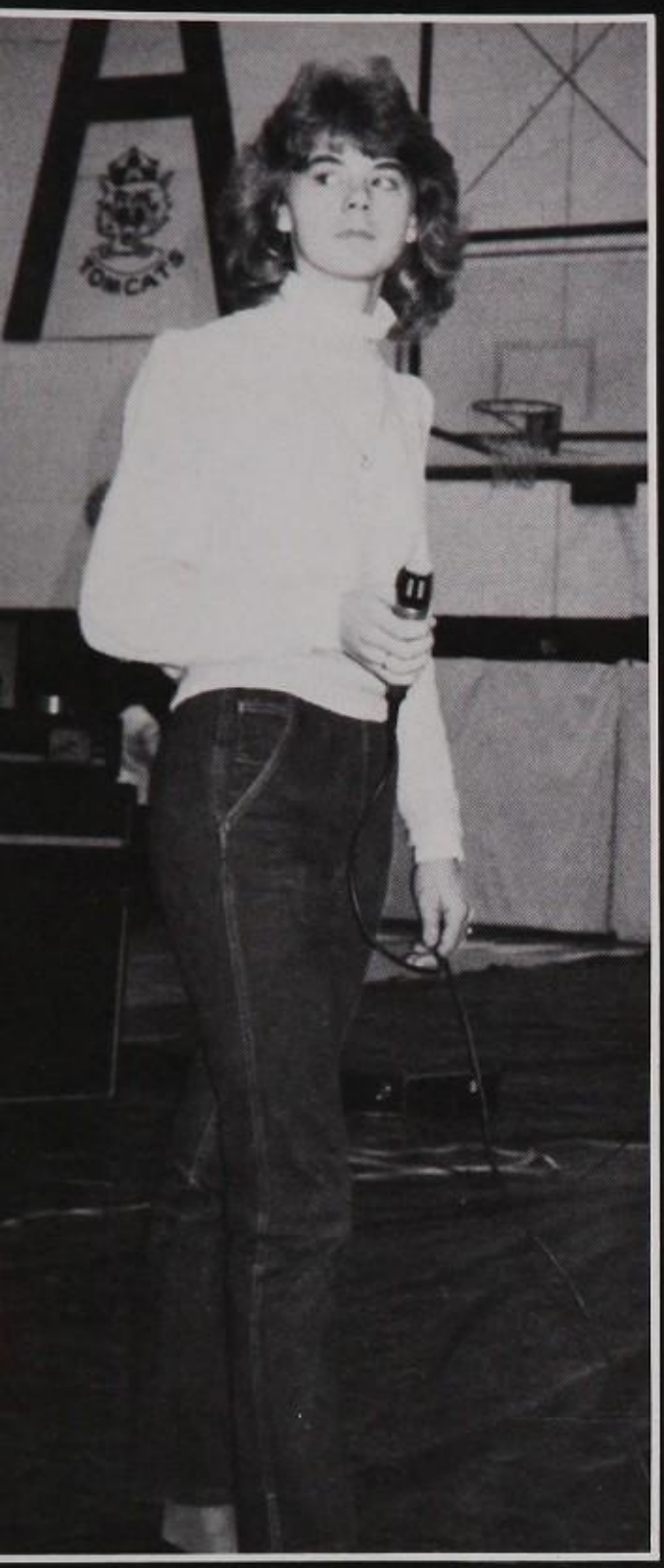
As the crowd waited for the results, Sphinx, a band consisting of seniors Chris Lewis and Dale Queen along with Andy Norton, Sam McKinney, and Phillip "Ozzy" Osborne entertained the audience. The results revealed third place going to Crissy Corwin, Debbie Riley, Angela DeZarn, and Andrea Lewis. Second place was Tina Smith and the first place winner was Michael Moore. This concluded the 1986 Talent Show. Sharing his feelings with us senior Rusty Blanton summed it all up by saying "The talent show was a very enlightening and enjoyable experience for everyone."

Dancing to the beat of "Strut" during the eighth act of the 1986 Talent Show is sophomore Crissy Corwin.

Singing and performing to "To Young To Fall In Love" by Motley Crue are juniors Matt Helms and Tim Robertson.

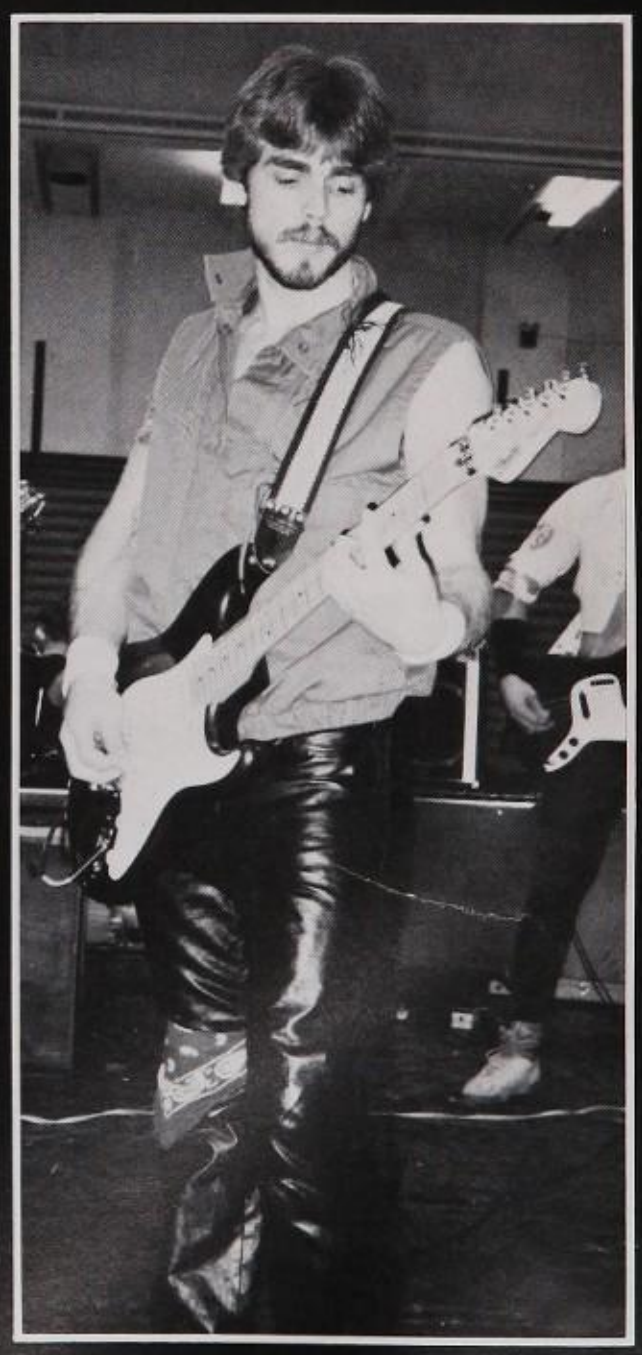
Showing their checks after winning the Talent Show are sophomore Michael Moore, first place; senior Tina S. Smith, second place; and sophomores Debbie Riley, Crissy Corwin, Angela DeZarn, and freshman Andrea Lewis, third place.

Syncing the song and guitar to "Oh Shelia" is junior Steve Blake during the January Talent Show.



Waiting anxiously for her music to begin is junior Kelley Patterson as she prepares to sing "Friends."

Serenading junior Alysa Stephens is freshman Denny Ross during his performance in the talent show.



Playing the guitar for entertainment as the crowd waited for the results, is senior Chris Lewis a member of the band Sphinx.

Getting the crowd involved in her act and dancing with senior Tobey Tolbert is senior Tina S. Smith, who won second place.

Exciting the crowd with his performance is sophomore Michael Moore as he sings Huey Lewis and the News' "Heart of Rock-n-Roll."

The Tradition lives on . . .

At the eight o'clock hour, hearing the music and seeing the lights of the lobby shining, the couples started rolling in. They anticipated a great night of dancing and patiently waited to see who was going to be crowned king.

Morp '86 was a little different this year. The dance was decorated to appear to be underwater. The picture background was designed as a big oyster chair, instead of the original, and well liked, junkyard look. Also, the 94 WAMX Platnum Video Machine provided music and videos if you wanted to sit down and take a rest. Junior Ginger Moore stated "It was so different. The big screen T.V. with the videos topped it off. It was just great."

At 10:00, the ceremonies started taking place, the crowning of the king and his court. As announced, second runner up was Mark Miller and first runner up, Rusy Blanton. Our King of Morp '86 was Shawn Conley. Stephanie Miller, Secretary of the Senior Class crowned Shawn with the traditional Burger King hat, and as the tradition must live on, the king and his court had their slow dance with their dates as everyone joined in.

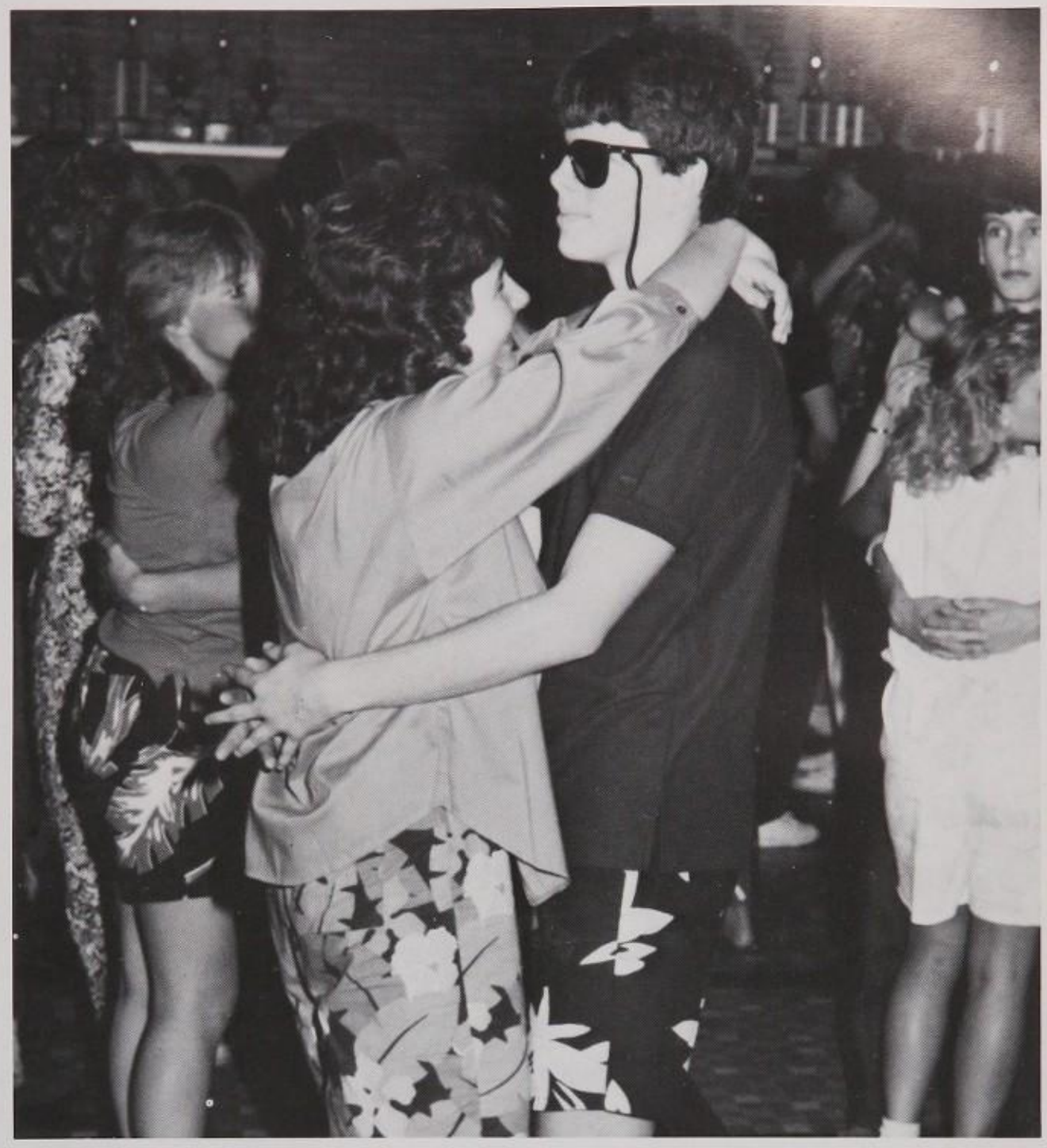
Couples slowly started clearing the dance floor as another successful and unforgotten Morp came to an end.

Showing excitement during the dance honoring the court are Blazer graduate Kim Sanford and senior Mark Miller.

Dancing in their spring fashions are couples enjoying a slow dance during the '86 Morp dance.

Dressed in jams, which was the popular attire at the 86 Morp, are senior Tina Smith and her date senior Steve Ware.

Dancing to the sound of the 94 WAMX Platnum Video Machine is sophomore Donna Ison and her date sophomore Ryan Nelson.



Enjoying the sound of the music, of the song honoring the Morp Court, are seniors Tammy Daniel and her date Shawn Conley.

Morp Court '86: Mark Miller, 2nd runner-up; Shawn Conley, Morp King; and Rusty Blanton, 1st runner-up.

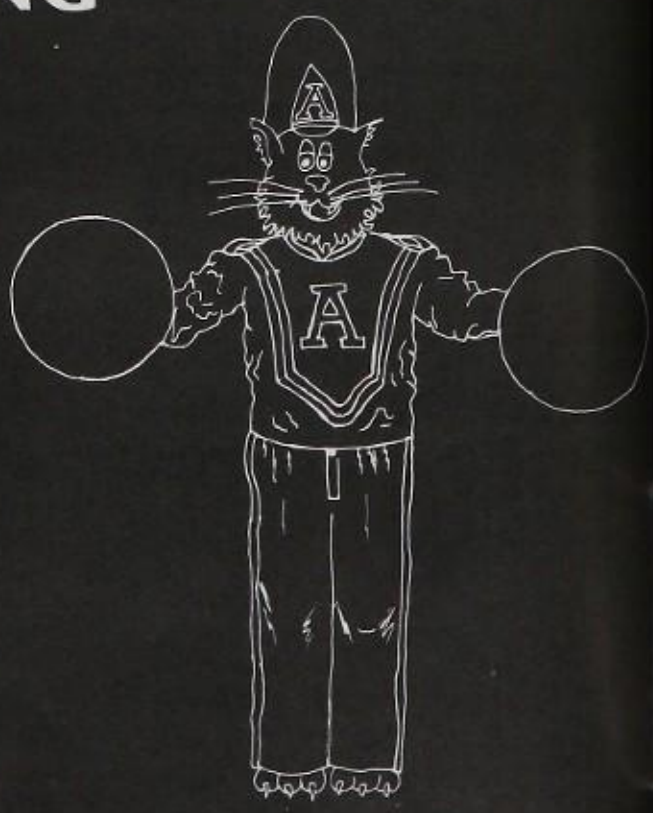
ENRICHMENTS

Watching for her cue to begin the half time performance is senior field commander Christy Hayes.

THE REFINED LIFE

They were "OUTSTANDING"

An outstanding performance was not hard to come by this year. The band performed with the flag and rifle corps during the football game half-times. Carrying on this tradition there was a winter flag corps organized to perform during Basketball season along with the entertainment provided by the Blazerettes. The choir made appearances over the Tri-State. The ROTC took the responsibility of raising the flag before all activities showing the pride we take in our country. Each of these performances showed the outstanding spirit in our school.



Moving to the beat of their routine during a halftime show are the percussion members of the Blazer band.

Standing in reverence during prayer is Sondra Adkins, band member.

With legs in the air the winter flags, Mandy Clanton, Jane Thompson, Kelly Patterson, and Leigh Ann Smith perform at halftime.

Singing through the year

Blazer's Choir has been involved in several activities throughout the 1986 year. "Some fund raising activities from the beginning of the year included selling candy bars and McDonald tickets to help raise money for the trip to Luzern, Switzerland for next year's chorus." quoted senior Kristie Nunley.

Throughout the year, the choir and the Madrigals were involved in several events. These events included performing many times during Christmas, at a Girl Scout convention, at the Lion's Club, at the Kiwanis Club, and at various other organizations. Before the spring break, the Madrigals went to all of the area grade schools to perform.

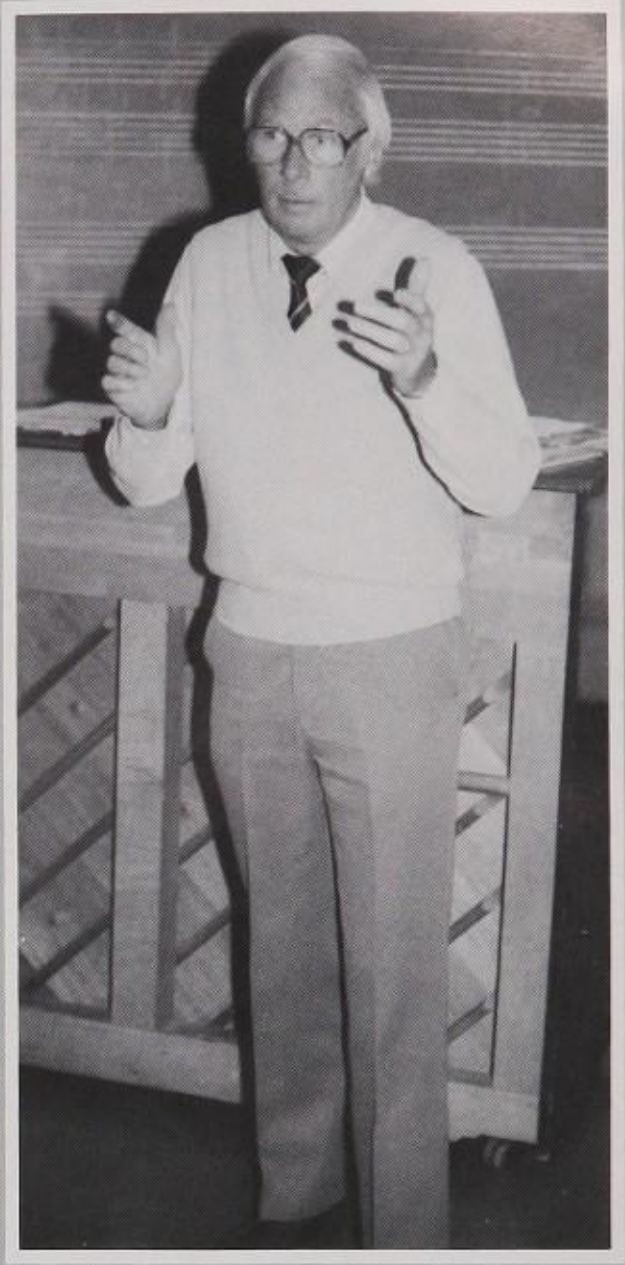
On Friday 18, 1986, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra from Columbus, Ohio visited Ashland to perform at the Paramount Arts Center that night. The Friends of Music helped to host this event and to help the talented students to find a family to stay with for the weekend.

Practicing to do his best in an upcoming performance for the spring sing, is junior Marc Vonderheide.

All-state chorus - row one - Kristi Nunley, Noel Quade, And Lisa Brown. Row two - Bryan Stephenson, Kim Nedrow, Marc Vonderheide, Dana Ausbun, and Jim Kitchen.

While practicing for an up-coming performance, senior choir president, Beth Turman accompanies the group.

Directing the choir, music instructor Robert Doss keeps the choir in the right measure.



Choir 1: Row one - Susan Selvage, Roberta Nelson, James McPeek, JoAnna Valencourt, Amy Daniels. Row two - Debbie Craft, Melinda Clere, Karen Griffey, Amy Valentine, Debbie Fields, Karen Hall, April Raybourn. Row three - Becky Brown, Andee Davis, Wayne Cassity, Stephen Moatz, Phillip Wessel, Simone Steinsiek, Dana Strothers, Mandy Clanton. Row four - Becky Menhouse, Charlotte Belize, Peggy Clark, Robby Conn, David Patterson, Dennie Ross, Becky Vasvary, Monica Stevenson, Jackie Lewis.

Choir 2: Row one - Shelley Ross, Kristi Nunley, Noel Quade, Beth Turman, Alysa Stephens, Mr. Doss. Row two - Becky Rice, Amy Richardson, Talitha Barbian, Dana Ausbun. Row three - Lisa Brown, Nancy Reneau, Michael Moore, Cathy Heald, Tim Quade, Kim Nedrow, Nedrow, Tammy Daniel. Row four - Gayle Moatz, Jackie Blackburn, Bryan Shanks, Bryan Stevenson, Marc Vonderheide, Jim Kitchen, Robert Cox, Barbara Brown, Melissa McClain.

Leaping into the air while performing during halftime of the Ironton game are Blazerette members Heather Howes, Mary Colegrove, and Nancy Reneau.

1985-1986 Blazerettes, Seated in front: Nicole Hensley; First row: Julie Smith, Kerry VanHoose, Heather Howes, Mary Colegrove; Second row: Andrea Lesiw, Cherie Harvey, Jeannie Gray, Kim Wheeler, Nancy Reneau; Third row: Eva Smtih, Heather Thayer, Sheila Ingram, Stephanie Cooper, Debbie Riley, Kim Collins

DANCING . . . to the beat!

Dancing to the beat of several different songs, the Blazerettes job was to entertain the crowds. They performed either during pre-game or halftime at many of the home football and basketball games. During the football season, they performed at the Homecoming game, the Kiwanis Bowl, and the Ironton game. They also performed at the first home basketball game against Ironton and made many other appearances throughout the season.

This year the Blazerettes danced to the beat of songs such as "Surfin' U.S.A." by the Beach Boys, "I'm So Excited" by the Pointer Sisters, "Let's Go to the Hop" by Danny and the Juniors, and "Heart of Rock and Roll" by Huey Lewis and the News. The Blazerettes worked hard over the summer and once or twice a week. Most of these practices were held on Saturday due to basketball practices in the gym.

Working hard to raise funds, the Blazerettes held carwashes during the summer and bakesales after school. Some original ideas used this year were the selling of Avon and Christmas ornaments which were very profitable fundraisers. The money raised went towards purchasing new uniforms for the group.

"Blazerettes has helped me in many ways and allowed me to make many new friends.", said senior Jeannie Gray.

Displaying good form during a football game performance is Blazerette member Mary Colegrove.

Posing for a brief moment during the Blazerettes' halftime routine is sophomore member Debbie Riley.

Freshman Cherrie Harvey expressed her feelings about being a part of the Blazerettes this way, "I really enjoy being on the Blazerettes. It gives me a chance to work on my dancing abilities.

Being a member of the Blazerettes is a lot of hard work, but it is really fun."

"I've been dancing for many years and being a part of the Blazerettes gives me that extra chance to show my dancing abilities.", stated sophomore member, Debbie Riley.

Stepping in time to the beat are Blazerette members Eva Smith, Kim Collins, and Kim Wheeler.

Snapping their fingers in time to the beat are Blazerette members Kim Collins and Jeannie Gray, as they perform before the Homecoming game.

Playing the school song to fire up the crowd is junior pep band member Allison Cooper during a home basketball game.

Standing at attention during the pledge before a home football game are trumpet players Amy Tullis and Sandy Fannin.

Performing his trumpet solo during the half time show at a home football game is senior band member Mark Tullis.

Keeping a watchful eye on senior field commander Christy Hayes is sophomore percussionist, Tyler Braham.

Playing an important part

Who can be seen at every home basketball leading the Tomcat crowd in the fight song? Who is it that puts on an award winning halftime performance at home football games? And who performs Christmas music during the holidays for different organizations? The Paul G. Blazer Tomcat band does all of this and more.

The Tomcat Marching Band played at the football games both home and away. During the home games, they played the Alma Mater, the National Anthem, and the School fight song. They performed a show during halftime to entertain the crowds on both sides of the field. The marching band was also seen at various parades in the area during the holiday season.

The Tomcat 'Pep' band played at the basketball games and pep rallies. This group played an important part in "firing up" the home crowd and getting students motivated. They also accompanied the Kittens to the regional and state tournaments.

The Tomcat Concert band appeared during the holidays. They performed for the schools Christmas program and for various other organizations around town. Their music was a medley of different holidays songs.

The band began practicing in August for their marching season. Long, hot days were common and many complaints were heard. Band camp was again held at Blazer. Hours for this camp were 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. What a way to end the summer!

The band swept up the awards, through. Led by field commander Christy Hayes, the band took first in class at Boyd County; third at George Rogers Clark; first in band percussion at Coal Grove; first in class and second over all at Russell.

The band had originally planned a trip for Mrytle Beach, South Carolina over this year's Spring Break, April 7 - 11, but they changed their plans. The band ended up going in May and getting to miss a few days of school. This was only fair after all the hard work they put in this year.

The band ended their year with the playing of the "Pomp and Circumstance" at graduation, which is the final performance for all.

"Band is a definite experience! Practice comes first all year round. The band is like a family. It's okay to argue among ourselves but we take up for each other if a problem arises."
Amy Tullis

Entering the Band's Halloween Dance for a night full of fun and excitement are a few of the band members dressed in their Halloween best.

Adding the extra finesse!

It is halftime at a home football game on an ordinary fall Friday night. Spectators on both sides of the stadium watch as the Paul G. Blazer Marching Band performs their "Halftime Show". Led by field commander, Christy Hayes, the band manages to stay on beat and in step with everyone else on the field. but what or who adds the extra finesse to the show? The answer is simple — the flag and rifle corps.

The flag and rifle corps spent the last part of their summer learning and perfecting their routines and coordinating them to the band's formations. It was a lot of hard work and as usual, there were complaints about the hot weather, being tired, and being worn out. But all of their hard work paid off. The flag corps came in first at the competitions at Boyd County, Russell, and George Rogers Clark. The rifle corps took first at Boyd County and Russell.

As field commander, senior Christy Hayes had to keep everyone in time. Making sure the band started playing at the same time and ended together was no easy job. But Christy performed well and it showed when she took first place in field commanding at Boyd County, George Rogers Clark, and Coal Grove.

Overall, we can all see the results of the long practices put in by all and how proud the flag and rifle corps have made our school.

Twirling her rifle in time to the music, rifle member Linda Colley does her part in the band's halftime performance.

Saluting the Tomcat crowd before the band's halftime performance is senior field commander, Christy Hayes.

Performing to perfection during the halftime show at the Homecoming game is sophomore Kathy Bucklind.

During one of the summer flag practices co-captains, Missy Forte and Anne Williams, instruct flag members Susan Jones and Kathy Bucklind in their routine.

With hand raised high, senior field commander Christy Hayes smiles proudly knowing that the band has performed well.

Flag and Rifle Corps Row one: Leslie Wellman, Stephanie Wheatley, Anne Williams, Shelly Ross, Allison Cooper, Missy Forte, Row two: Tina Hoffman, Andee Davis, Jamie Thomas, Katy Wellman, Gail Griffey, Leigh Ann Smith, Cindy Brackman, Mary Varney; Row three: Joetta Newman, Lynne Fisher, Sondra Atkins, Julie Jarvis, Kathy Bucklind, Jane Thompson; Yvette Cahal, Mandy Clanton, Susan Jones, Diane Bales, Linda Colley.

Military Ball 1986

It was definately a night to remember. On Saturday, February 22, 1986, the annual Military ball was held. This was the first time, and hopefully not the last time that the Ashland R.O.T.C. and the Russell R.O.T.C. had a joint Military Ball. It was held at the Steelworkers Hall in downtown Ashland. The boys wore their R.O.T.C. uniforms and their dates wore formal gowns. There was a live band, "Sunburst", that played several popular songs. All of the students seemed to enjoy them. At the stroke of nine o'clock, the 1986 Military Ball Queen, Kim Snow, was crowned. After being crowned, she and her date along with the other runner-ups, danced to the special song chosen just for them. At the height of the song, hundreds of brightly colored balloons fell from the ceiling down onto the floor. As the queen and her court danced, others joined in at the end of the song. Refreshments were supplied by the volunteer mothers of R.O.T.C. members.

The refreshments included mixed nuts, cokes, and two cakes. Considered by all, it was an enjoyable evening.

- Missy Forte

Greeting guests, Mike Austin, Mark Roberts, and Trent True, are the commanders and staff of both Ashland and Russell.

Gazing lovingly into each others eyes, are R.O.T.C. officer Joe Cook and his date Mandy Kinner.

Taking a break from all of the dancing to stop and eat some snacks are Mike Austin and Mark Roberts.

Military Ball queen and her court - (left to right) 1st runner up, Tammy Jones, Queen Kim Snow, and 2nd runner up, Brenda Hensley.

Reserve Officers Training Corps

"Left, left, left, right, left" are just some of the words that you can hear the members of the R.O.T.C. chant as they practice their drills.

The Color Guard presents the "colors" of the flag at all of the home football games and basketball games. Most people don't realize that throughout the year R.O.T.C. members also perform numerous ceremonies in the Ashland area. Beginning the year, the R.O.T.C. has formed a funeral detail to provide military services for those deceased personnel. "We decided to form a R.O.T.C. funeral detail this year because we felt that there was a need for such a detail in the Ashland area. In fact, none of the funeral directors in the area have requested that we form a military detail. There have been a few recent cases of illegible deceased veterans not being given a military funeral even though their family members have requested one. Therefore, a funeral detail will provide a needed community service and it will help improve the self-esteem of the cadets who participate in the military funeral."

Competition plays a major role in the morale of R.O.T.C. members. Last year the Tri-State Rifle League was formed. The League consists of Lawrence County, Greenup County, Huntington High, Russell High School, and Paul G. Blazer. The matches are held every other Saturday at alternating schools. The rifle team also competes in two U.S. Army Postal matches and at the State Rifle Match. Other competitions include the matches at the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead University, and the R.O.T.C. Field Day held the 21st. and the 22nd. of May.

As Eva Carter, a freshman member of R.O.T.C. quotes: "The teachers are really nice and the class is fun." Another freshman, Stephanie Castle adds: "It's fun and interesting because everyone enjoys it. It will help you be ready to face the Army and whatever future plans one may have."

Missy Forte

"The drill team is a good experience for the cadets." - Rodney Hays

R.O.T.C. Instructors - Major Ronald Dunlevy and Sergeant Paul Parker.

"B" Company - Front row - Samantha Selvage, Becky Rankin, Stephanie Castle, Jenifer Stover, Donnis Methax, Tammy Jones, Lisa Griffith, Barbara Adams, and Mike Guller. Second row - Kristy Stover, Don Ross, Robert White, Darrell Smith, Dennie Ross, Charles Davis, Mike Huffman, and Kevin Walker. Third row - Steve Howard, Robert Hall, Dewayne Moore, Bobby Moyer, Steve Dunlevy, Paul Jenkins, and Dana Robertson.

Drill Team - Front row - Jade McDonald, Don Ross, Ric Nelson, Lisa Griffith, Rex Hays, and Jason Durham. Second row - Jason Kelley, Becky Rankin, Samantha Selvage, Tim Hickman, Bobby Moyer, Kristy Stover, and Kim Snow. Third row - Bill Counts, Ron Caudill, Kevin Rice, Bill Tussey, Steve Howard, and David Whitt. Fourth row - Jason Carpintero and Rodney Hays.

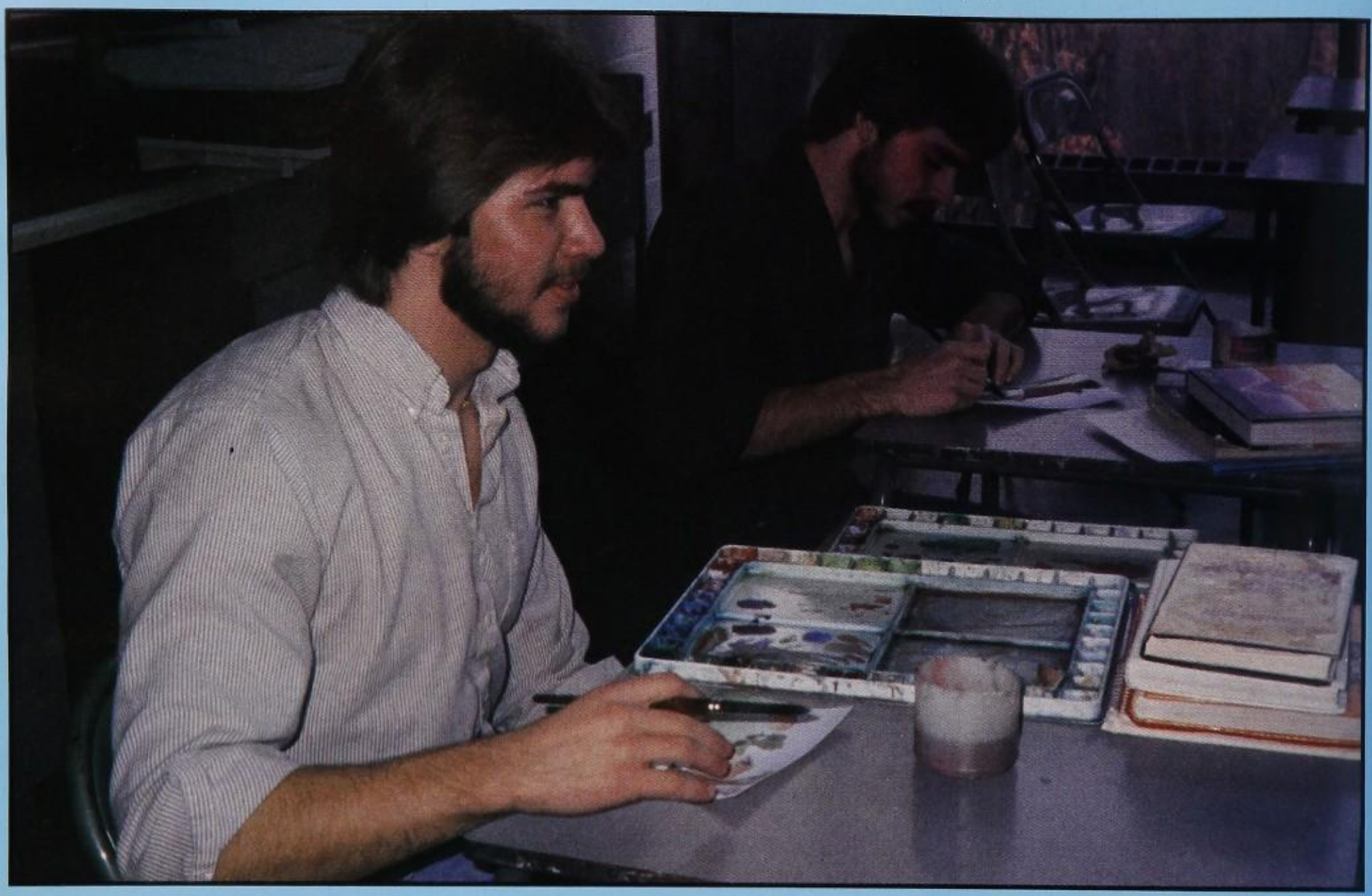
Color Guard - Rodney Hays, Jason Carpintero, Jason Kelley, Ric Nelson, and Rex Hays.

R.O.T.C.

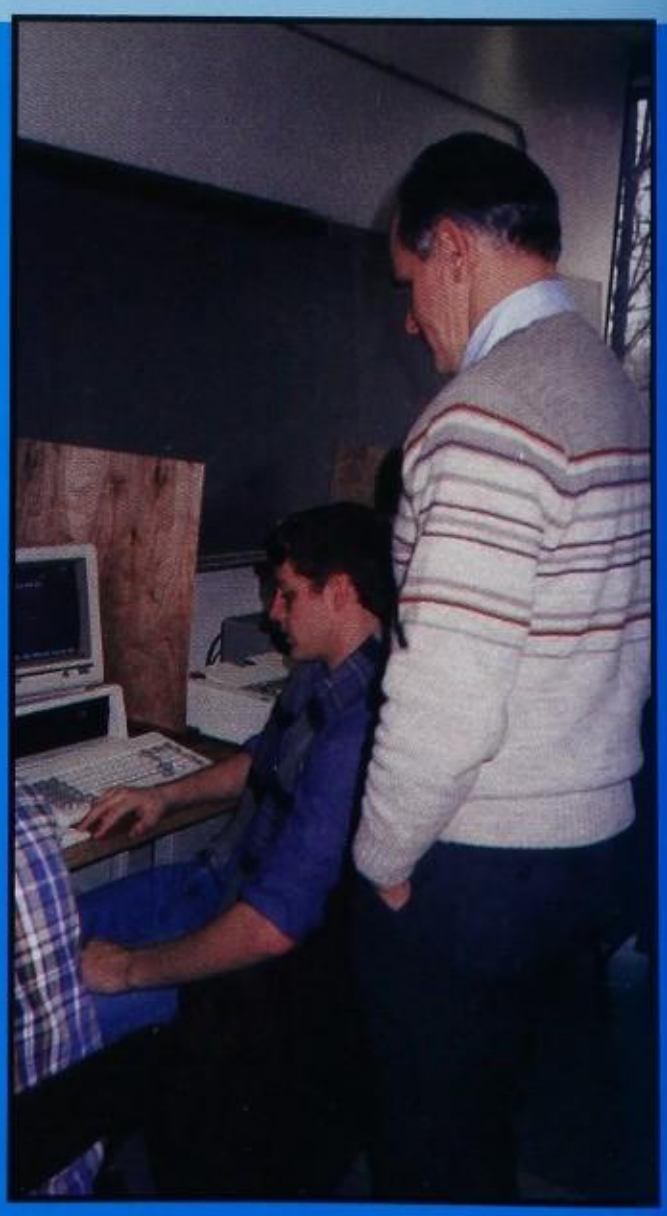
During a uniform inspection, senior Jason Carpentero adjusts a medal on the uniform of freshman David Young.

Presenting the national colors at the pre-game of a football game is the Color Guard from the Blazer R.O.T.C.

Spending much time on their artwork during their Art III class, in building 5, are seniors Chris Lewis and Steve Dempsey.



Working after school, seniors, David Rice, David Hill, and Grady Walter prepare for the Hi-Q competition.



Asking for Mr. Anson's assistance is senior, Kevin Vasvary, working hard as a Computer Science student.

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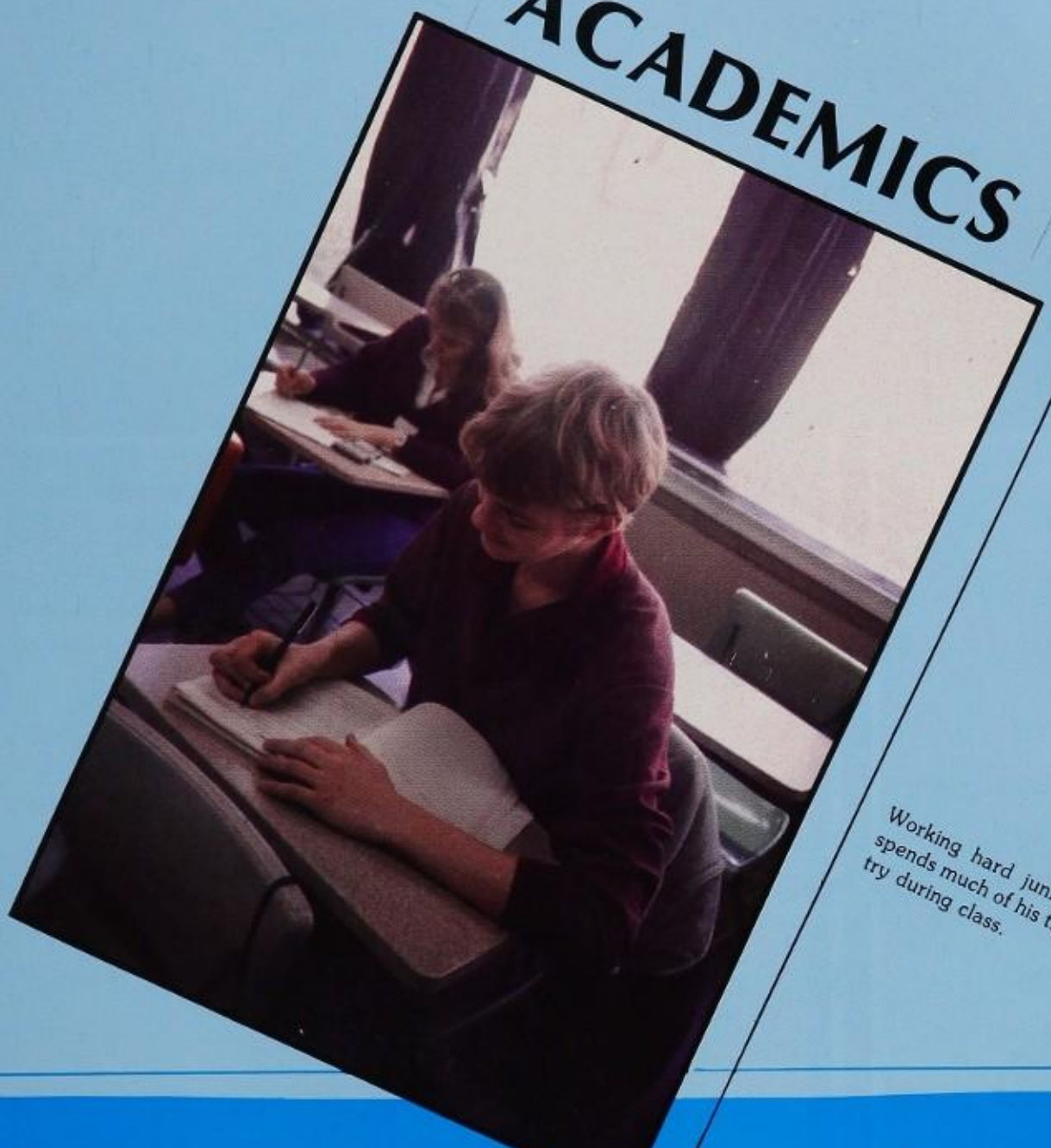


Working hard junior Cavan McCann spends much of his time on his Chemistry during class.

Making the Grade

The academic life of the Tomcat is of vital importance to the students. Paul G. Blazer offers more of a variety of subjects and levels than any other high school in the area. This is true not only in academic subjects, but also electives.

When competition comes along, Blazer is always at the top. Thanks to the hard work of the students and faculty. We have a team effort.

THE SCHOLASTIC LIFE

Academic Showcase

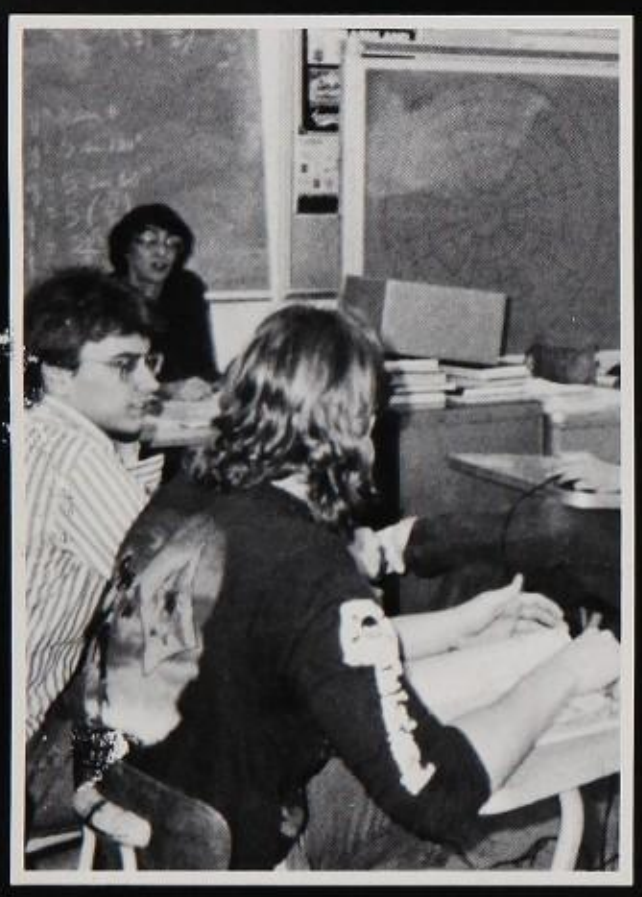
Athletes come in all shapes and sizes. Academic athletes are some of the best athletes of all. They do not have the support that the sports athletes do, but their job is just as important if not more so. They must devote 101 percent of their time and effort to the academic effort.

Many awards were won by the F.B.L.A. team when they competed in the regional tournament. The Foreign Language Festival was held at the Morehead State University Campus. Blazer teams placed many students in a range of competitions. At state many more people also walked away with awards in their hands.

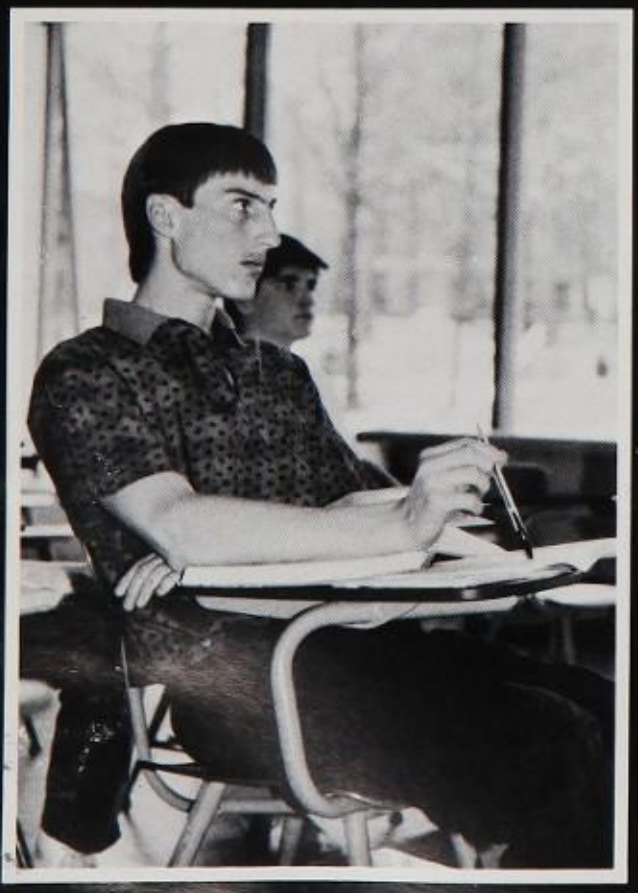
The Decathalon team competed in the state wide competition held in Lexington during March. The Decathalon Tournament stresses a well-rounded education and emphasis on everything from the arts to chemistry. The team was new at Blazer this year.

The High-Q team swept many competitions again this year. It competed in competitions at WLEX-18 in Lexington and WOWK-in Huntington. The competitions were televised for later airings. The team advanced to the semi-finals in "IN THE KNOW" at WLEX in Lexington. The competition began with sixty-five schools competing. Blazer ranked in the very top.

Quizzing the High-Q team during a practice to prepare for their next competition, Mrs. Hill, sponsor, answers a question.



The Decathalon Team l. to r. Jonathan Evans, Jim Kitchen, Ish Stephens, Grady Walter, Don Shaw, Tyler Prince and sponsor/coach Mrs. Kathy Hill.



Intently listening to the lecture given by Mrs. Qualls to prepare the class for the Foreign Language Festival is Senior Jon Goolsby.

Listening to the directions on conjugation of an irregular verb expected to be on the Latin test at the National Latin Exam are seniors Margret Eaton, and Anita Sebright.

"One thing about the Blazer High-Q is that we all feel good about what we are doing."
Senior, Grady Walter

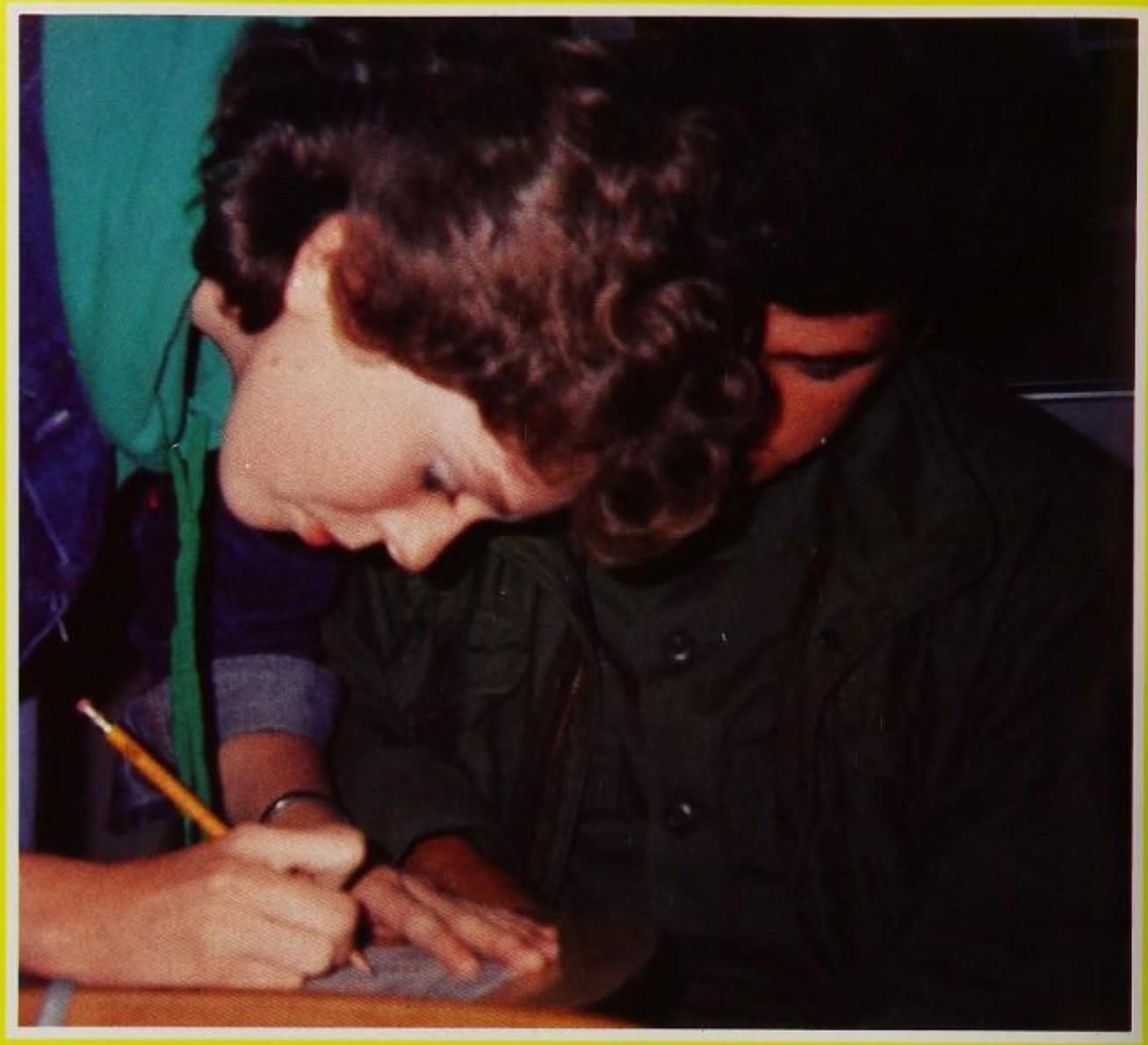
Some of the Foreign Language Festival participants lined up in front of Morhead's Button Auditorium, they are: (Front Row L. to R.) Christina Fleshman, Sally Akers, Michelle Jaques, Teresa Harvey, Christina Hardin, Sherry Stapleton, Julie Artis, Margret Eaton, Dianne Bales, Stacey Koontz, Cheryl Nunley, (a student from another school), Cathy Ward, Stephanie Wheatly, Andee Davis, Heather Morgan, Robert Monk, Kevin Savage, Robbie Smith.

Practicing for the regional Speech and Debate tournament are Sophomore Ian Pruit and Freshman Christy Homan.

Listening to the question asked in High-Q practice, junior Ish Stephens and senior Rick Long prepare to "buzz-in" with their answers.

Displaying her costume made for the Foreign Language Festival is freshman Christina Hardin. Christina won first place.

Making adjustments on her schedule is junior Susan Jones as she gets advice from Jason Kelly.



Mixing business & history

Building Six has proven to be very versatile. It has a variety of classes conducted in it during the day for all grade levels. A variety of art, Business Classes, History, Political Science, Math, Health, Distributive Education, and the Alternative Education Room (better known as AER).

Senior Noel Quade explained how she felt about Psychology and Sociology when she said, "Psychology and Sociology are great classes and Mr. Rigsby is what makes them."

Another of the more infamous teachers was Ronnie Trabandt, "King Ronnie the I". Mr. Trabandt's U.S. History classes were hard but more fun than most classes. Students felt that they learned more too. Many students would not have had it any other way.

Working on their art assignment for Mrs. Davis are juniors Becky Robinson and Merina Korkiakoski.

Animatedly discussing the rights of American citizens with his U.S. History class is teacher Mr. Trabandt.

Explaining our report card process to Junior exchange student, Merina Korkiakoski, is History teacher Mrs. Hedlund.

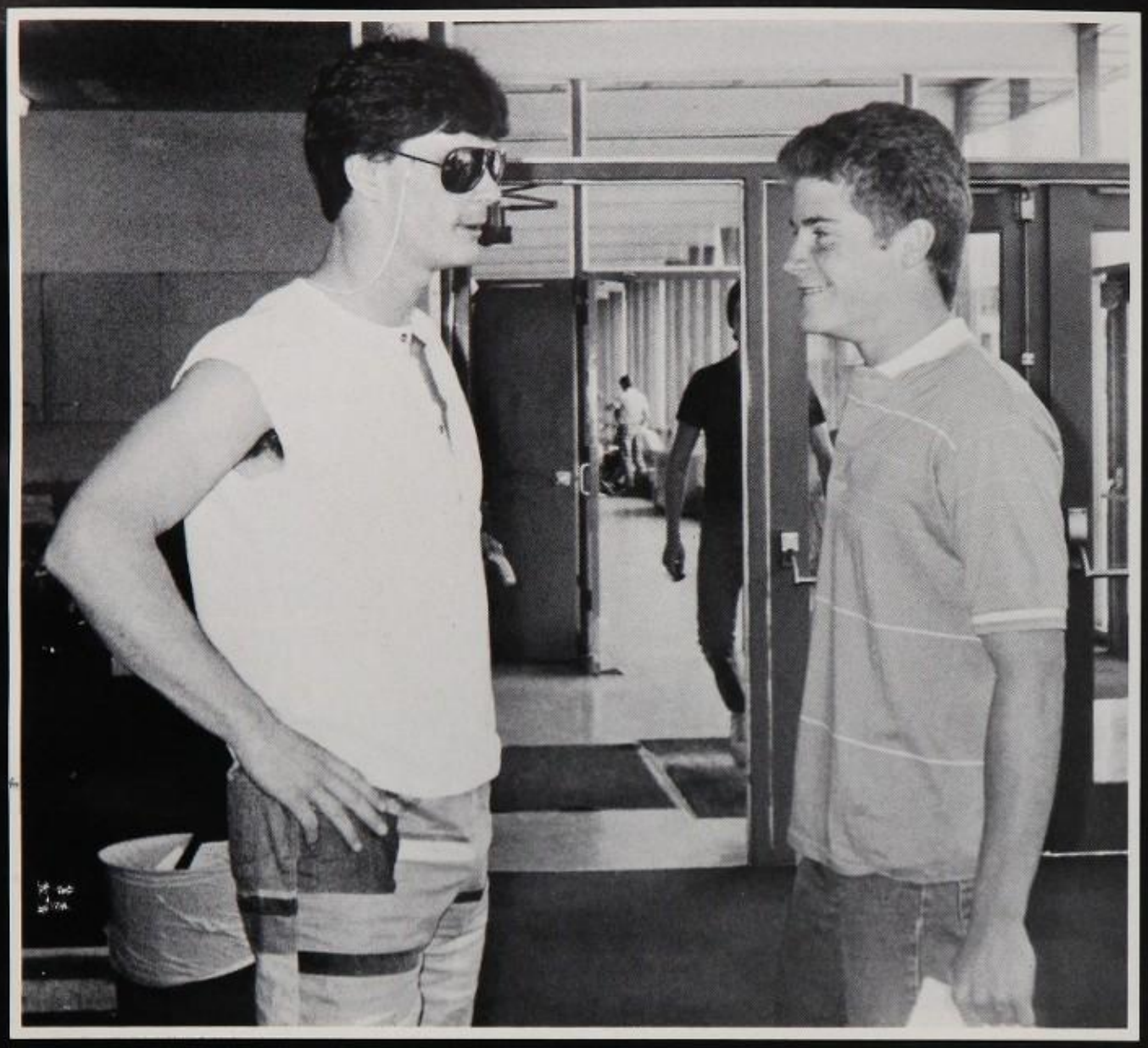
Working at her model office desk, Missy Hunter prepares herself for the working world.

Helping freshman Jennifer Ward, Mrs. Lovett sets the margins on her manual typewriter in typing I class.

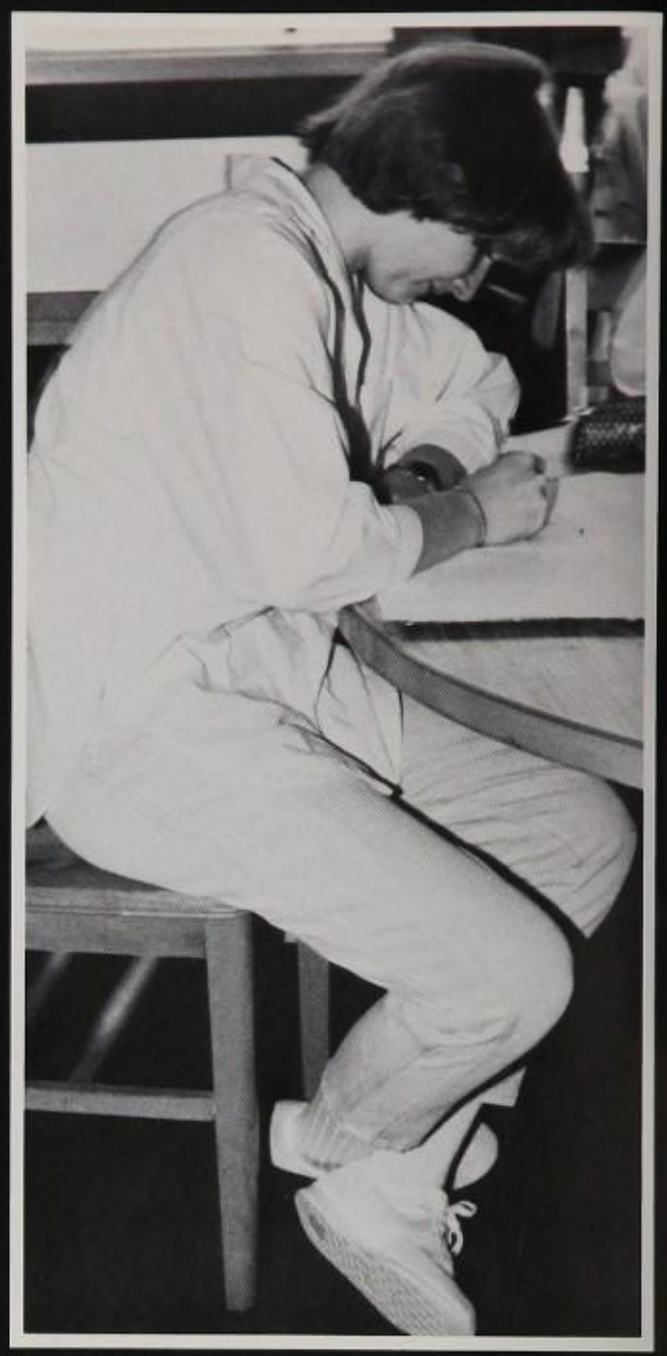
"Mr. Trabandt's class is really hard, but it's challenging and that's what makes it fun."

Junior, Mitzi Cottle

Discussing weekend plans in the library during lunch is senior David Gifford and junior Chris Forte.



Studying hard in the library, senior foreign exchange student Simon Stinsick works on her American History.

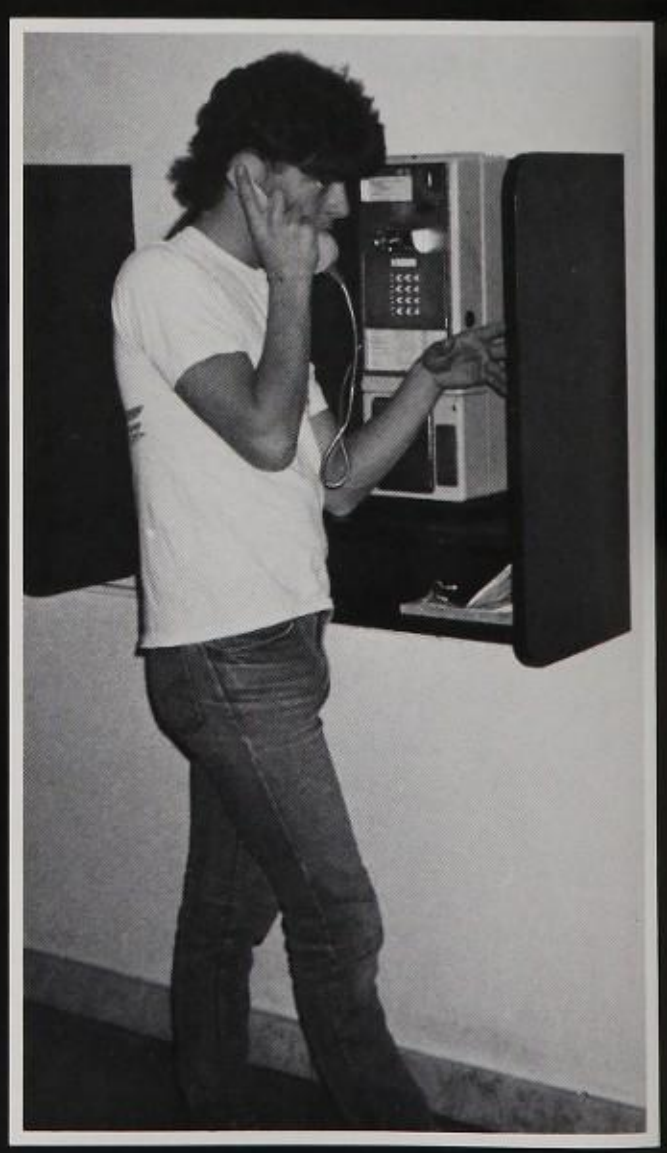


Building 1, the Busy building

Rarely has a day gone by that a student did not enter Building One for some reason. The busiest building has always been Building One. Many decisions, both popular and unpopular have been made there. Many students utilize the library, and everyone enjoys their lunch there. Many times a teacher had to take a student to one of the assistant principal's offices. Teachers always checked in at the front office in the morning and student attendance was also monitored here.

Lunch, everyone's favorite period, was supervised by Mr. Riedel and the assistant principals Mr. Fraley and Mr. Williams. The counselors usually had a line of people waiting to see them for various reasons ranging from wanting to check on their Grade Point Average to sick students needing to go home. The phones always had a line of people waiting to use the pay phones to call a sick friend at home. This was also everyone's favorite time to check out a book or using the copier in the library. The classes also used the library for research for term papers, reports, and quiet studying.

Repairing one of the video recorders in the media room is assistant principal, Mr. Fralie.



Calling his girlfriend on the pay phone outside the counselor's offices is senior Jeff Bang.

Buying a candybar from the bookstore is Junior William Hensley. Senior Jill Blankenship works in the bookstore all three lunches.

Eating lunch while sharing a few laughs are seniors, Ashlee Ciminella, and Becky Rice and juniors Dana Ausbun, Susan Daniels and Kim Danzer.

Stamping a book for a student to check out is one of Blazer's two librarians, Mrs. Miller.

Concentrating on his computer program assignment during Computer Science class, a new class being offered at Blazer this year, is Senior Shawn Conley.

1986 The year of COMPUTERS

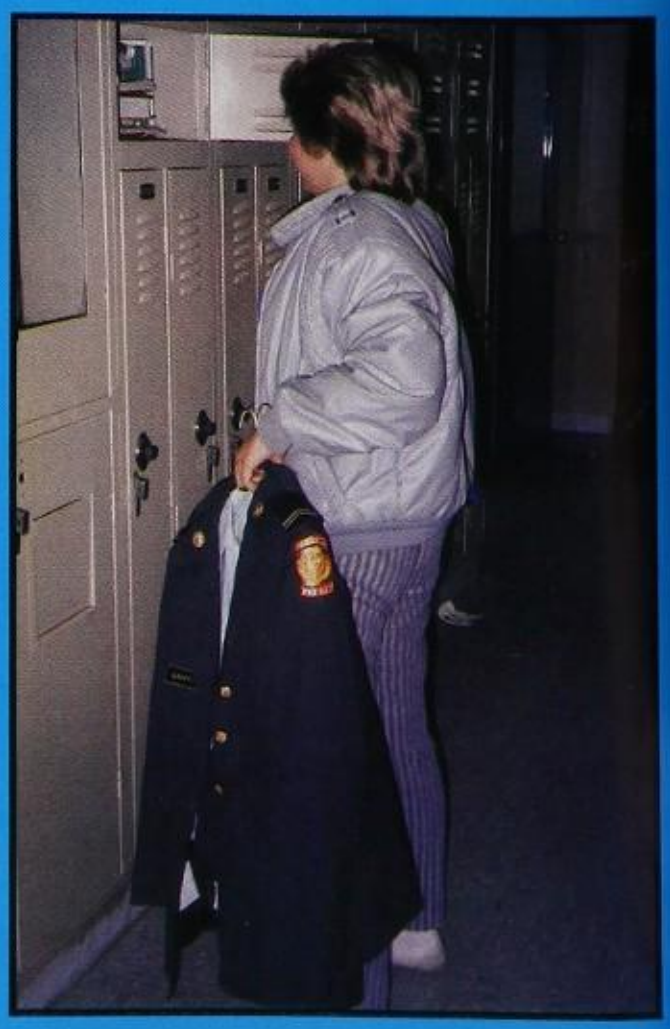
Each school year brings about changes in the curriculum. New administration, new teachers, and new classes are all a part of the changes. In 1986 Blazer got five new teachers, two new school board members, and COMPUTERS!

A new computer system was purchased for Blazer that included sixty-five computers in three computer labs. The labs include a Computer Science Lab in Building Three taught by Mr. Anson; Word Processing in Building Six, taught by Mrs. Barnett and a Computer Assistance Instructional Lab, "CAI" in Building Two.

The Building Two lab is used by any class whose teacher signs up to use it. The lab includes many different instructional aids ranging from Math, Art, English, and Spanish.

Computer Science offers students a chance to take courses in computer training which is an increasingly needed skill. The graduating class from Blazer to graduate with Computer Science credits.

Senior Stephanie Miller summed it up when she said, "It's interesting to learn how a computer works but it's not as easy as it looks." Many students found out that Computer Science isn't just an elective to fill a gap in their schedule, it requires a lot of hard work.



Before ending the day, freshman ROTC member Debbie Rankin makes sure that all of her books are in order.

MISS JAYNE, AUTHOR??

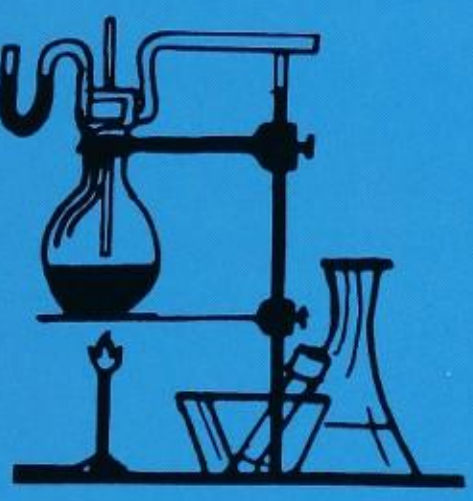
Reviewing the book that she was a teacher-consultant for is advanced math teacher, Miss Jayne.

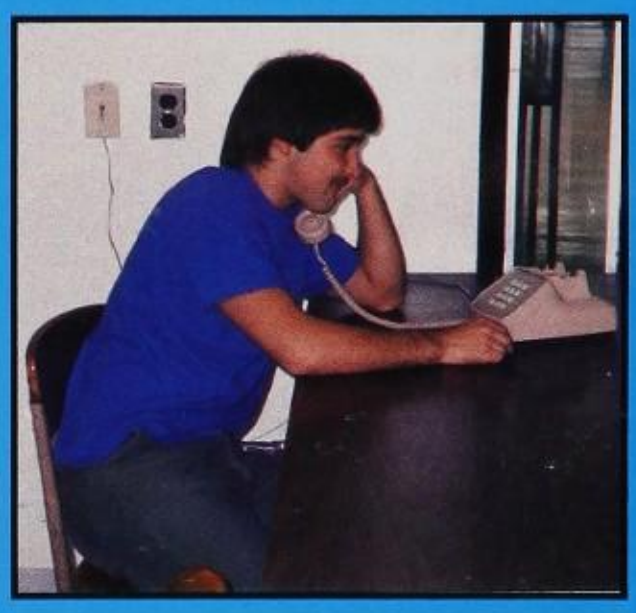
Miss Elizabeth Jayne, one of Blazer's Advanced Math teachers, was contacted in June of 1984 by the Houghthern Miffin Company of Boston to be a teacher-consultant for their Advanced Algebra I book. When the actual writing of the book was completed, a manuscript was sent to three teachers all in different areas of the country, one being Miss Jayne. The teachers then reviewed the manu scripts, making any changes or suggestions. Miss Jayne worked on her manuscript from late August of 1984 until late February of 1985.

"I think it's the best Algebra I book on the market," stated Miss Jayne with a smile on her face. "I would love to do it again for another book," she said in closing remarks.

Down the hall from Miss Jayne's Algebra class, you will find a variety of biology and science classes as well as home economic classes. In the two home economic labs, the students are learning several skills such as cooking, sewing, family planning and housing. Senior Michael Carley, a Special Occasion Foods student states, "It will help prepare me for the single life in college. All we do is eat! Mrs. Curnutte doesn't always understand why we don't complete our projects in the same manner in which she would like."

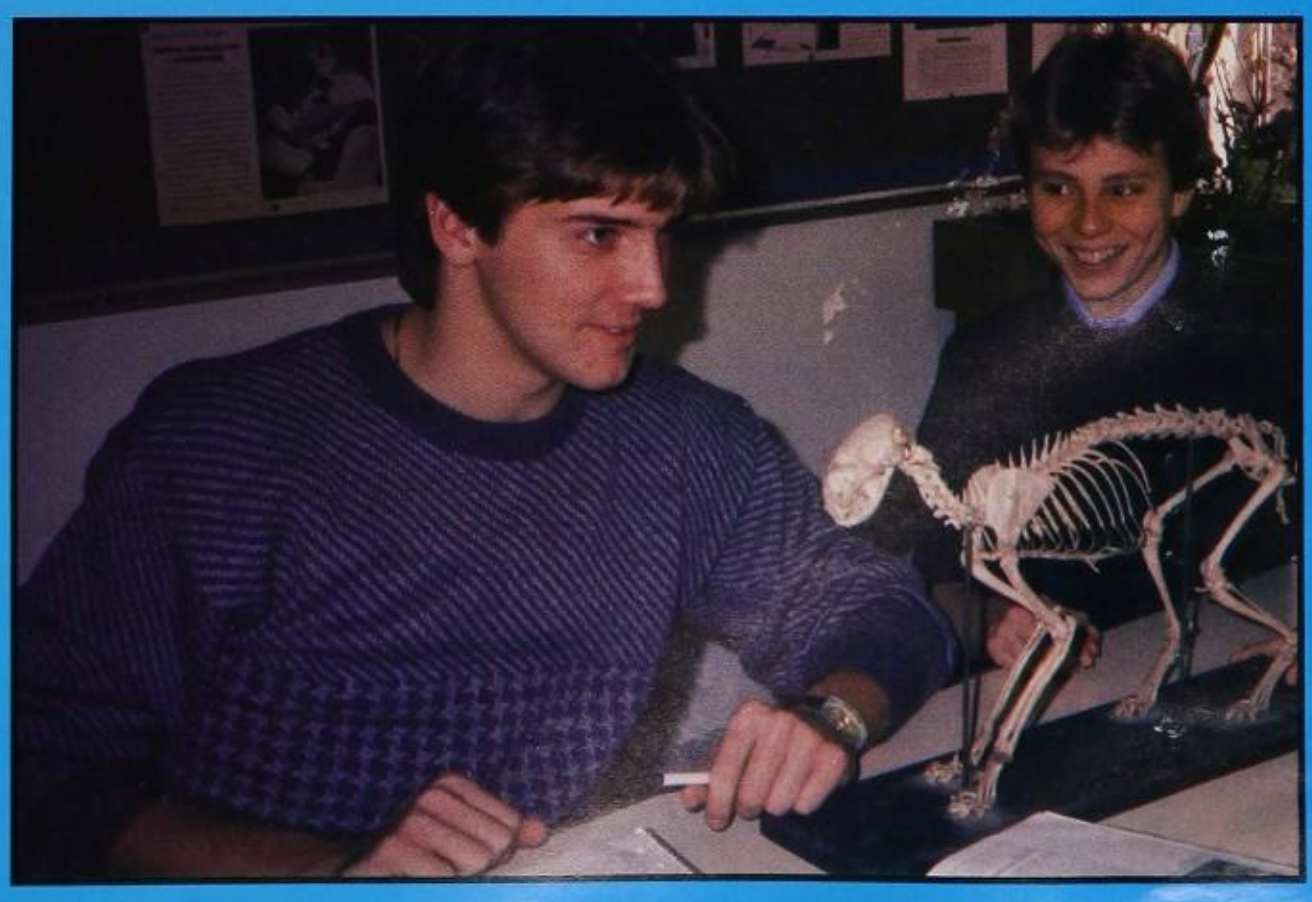
Working diligently on a homework assignment, during her Algebra Class, is Junior Amy Sargent.





Receiving a call from the main office is senior Todd Childers who will be taking a message to one of the teachers.

Studying his German vocabulary is Junior Dwayne Riffe as he prepares for a weekly test.



Taking notes on a cat skeleton during Biology class and learning about dissection, are sophomores Chris Pullam and Cliff Hogan.

Learning the Language

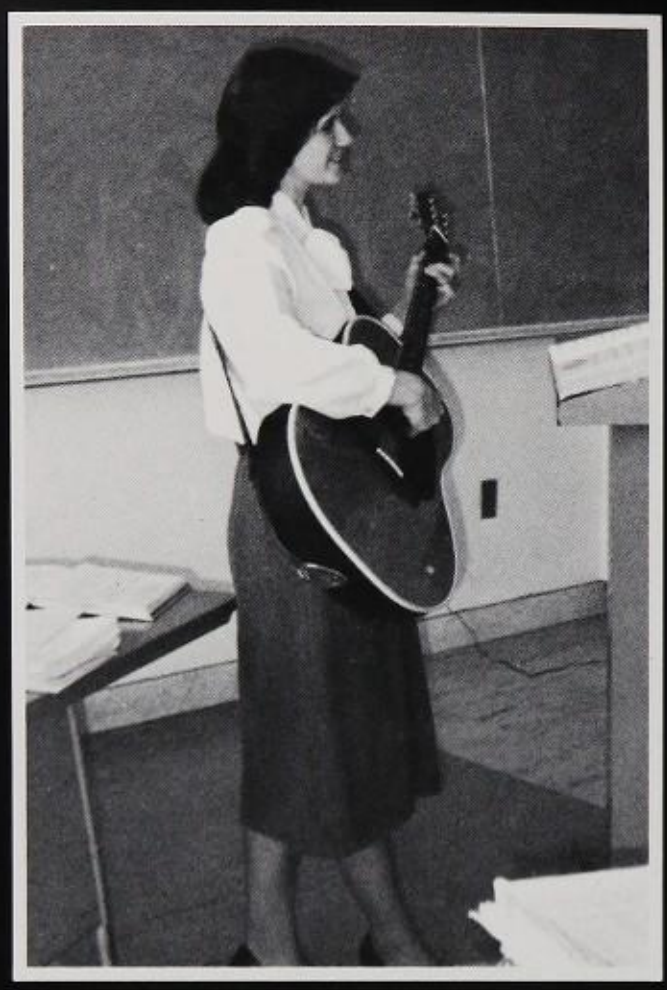
Building Two could have been called the "Blazer International" building. The reason for this are the many languages that are taught there. Blazer offers Spanish, Latin, French, German, and of course English. We are fortunate to have the best foreign language department around, offering more years of each language and the best variety. The International Baccalaureate Program initiated this year has begun foreign language classes for seventh and eighth graders.

Other subjects are also housed in this building. Mr. Butler teaches Threatre Arts as well as English. Three Special Education classes are taught there also. The Hi-Life staff works out of Building Two preparing the annual.

New to Building Two is the computer lab. This lab is available to any class throughout the campus.

Going over an assignment with her class is Remedial reading teacher Peggy Crosbie.

During the Christmas season, student teacher Miss Fathergill sang carols and played the guitar for her French classes.



Waiting for a response from his 3rd period Theatre Arts class is English teacher Sam Butler.

Showing a student how to use the CAI lab in Building 2 is Mrs. Davis. Any teacher may schedule to use the lab.

Using a calculator to figure out the percentage on her latest test, junior Dana Austin hopes to have a 94%.

Studying the verb conjugation once more Sally Akers tries to "cram" for a pop-quiz in her Spanish class.

Pointing to where the candy from a freshly busted pinata fell, teacher Mrs. Deutsch encourages the students to "go for it".

Working on a preliminary layout for yearbook, junior Scott Wilson blocks the space where a picture will go.

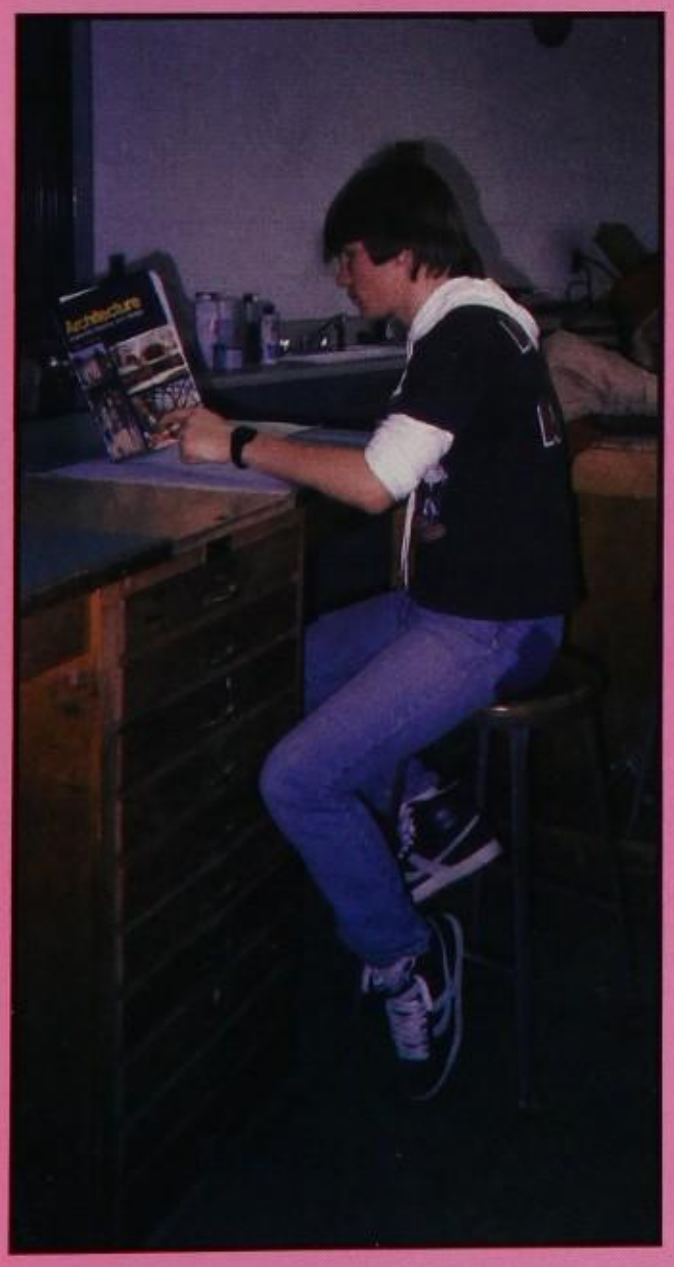
Adding the finishing touches on his Industrial Arts project is junior Terelli Foley during class in building four.

Working on her watercolor project for the Marshall Academic Fair, during Art III class is senior Jodi Williams.

The fine Arts

Buildings Four and Five house Industrial Arts and Advanced Art, Architecture and Drafting. Assistant football coach Mr. Heaberlin teaches shop in Building Four. The students make items ranging from "Tater Boxes" to gun racks. Mr. Stanley teaches Architecture and Drafting on the first floor of Building Five. On the second floor of Building, Mr. Sylvester teaches Art II, III, and IV.

Building Five is the only building on Blazer's campus to have two floors. The upstairs of Building Five is designed much like a loft. The windows are, like all of Blazer's buildings, from the floor to the ceiling. The difference is that Building Five's windows are slanted inward. This gives the building a very artistic look. "The design of Building Five is "apropo" for an art building," explained junior Cathy Stavros.



Shaping table legs for a project due in industrial art class is sophomore Barry Stewart.

Reading the chapter assignment on how to design houses is sophomore James Lutz during the architecture class.

Joining in with her class, Physical Education teacher Linda Meyers decides a little exercise may be good.

Discussing how the Russell-Ashland game is going so far are juniors Alysa Stephens, Kim Rodman, Kelley Patterson, and Cathy Stavros.

Utilizing the phone in "Doc" Proctor's office in the trainers room is junior Heather Morgan.

Amused by a play at the Ashland-Boyd Co. game, junior Kim Nedrow claps her hands for the Tomcats.

Blocking a shot by a coach in the Junior-Faculty game is junior Chris Forte. The juniors wore jams as uniforms.

Where it all Comes together

Where does it all come together? There are so many activities on campus in all of the buildings you may think it hard to decide. Now, just think for a minute. Where do we hear all the cheers for a pep rally, the drum roll while the band is practicing?

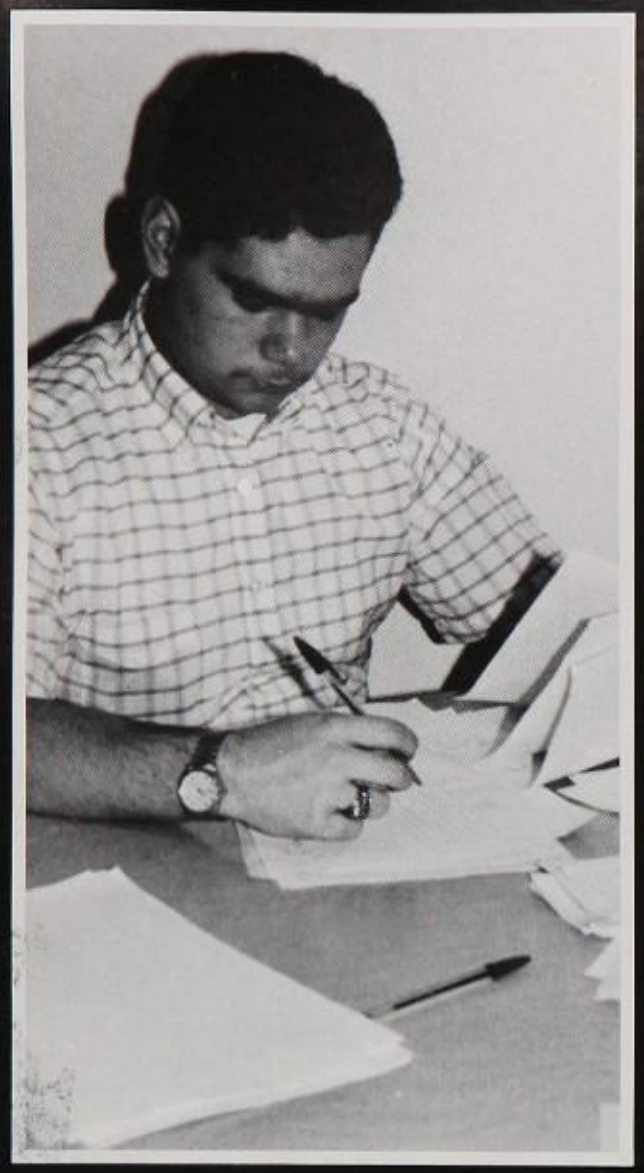
When planning the Kittens send-off for their departure for the state tournament where else to stage it but the lobby of Building Seven. The most fun for many of the students was the variety of dances in the lobby. Every type of dance from sock-hops and jeans dances to semi-dress dances were enjoyed here.

There are more serious activities than the dances held in the lobby. The Red Cross Bloodmobile and Jump for Heart were community projects held in the lobby. This favorite spot on campus is used year-round for numerous activities and practices.

Caught up in the evening, junior Allison Cooper and her date, graduate Kyle Morris seem to be enjoying the Homecoming Dance.

Learning how to monitor his blood pressure at the Kings Daughter's Hospital demonstration is English teacher Mr. Butler.

Checking his practice Scholastic Achievement Test, senior Jason Carpenter hopes for a good SAT score.



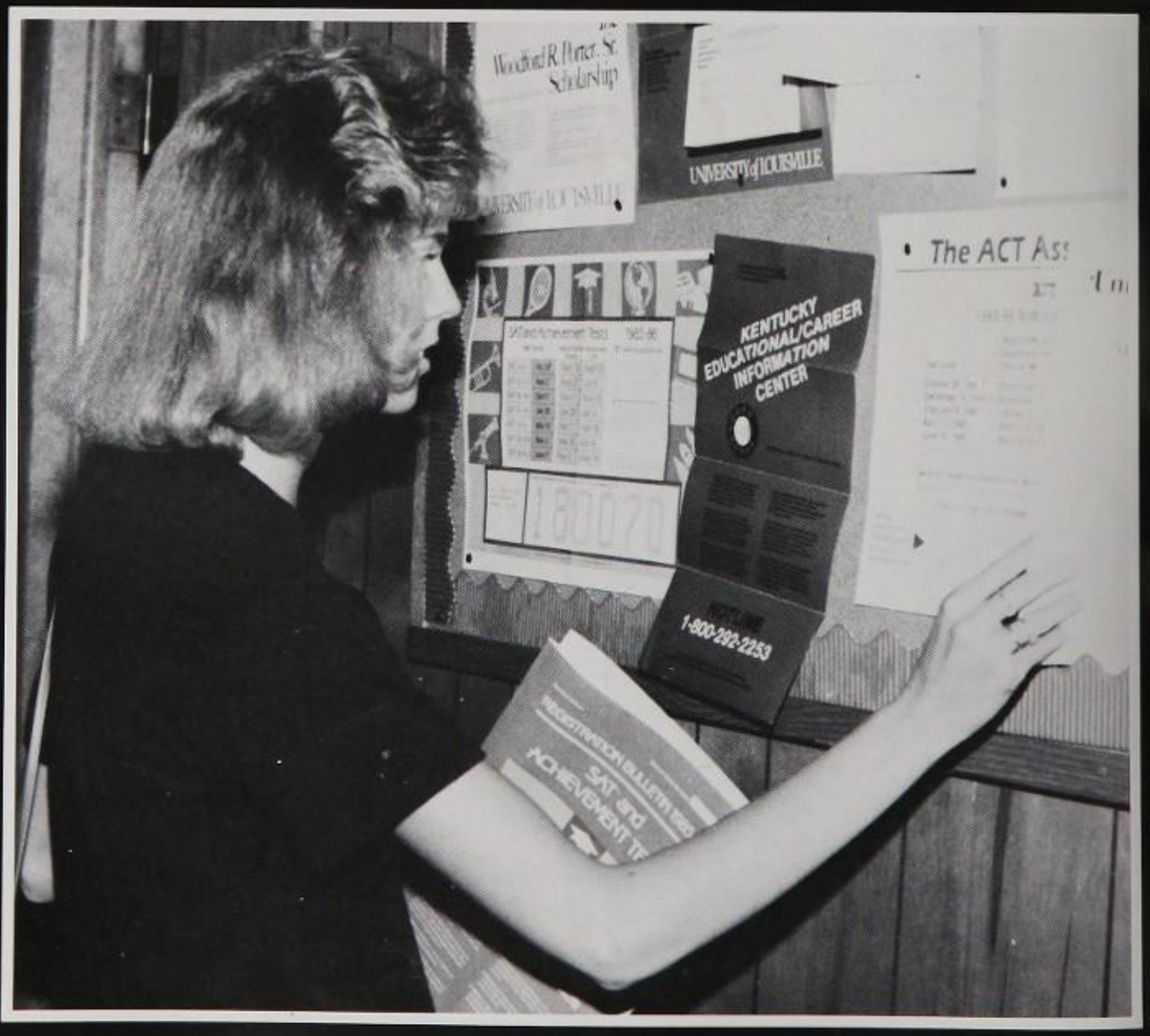
Picking up her ACT score from Miss Pack, senior Missy Forte reads her rating on the results of her test.

Tests-Tests

This word, TESTING, seems to be a word most students do not want to hear. At Blazer all students must take a variety of classroom tests, but many other tests are also given. Blazer students have alays scored very high on numerous achievement tests. In 1986 we had four students that qualified as National Merit finalists and have received scholarships.

The tests taken most often, other than classroom tests, are the American College Test (ACT), the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), and the Pre-Scholastic Achievement Test (PSAT). The PST is given to sophomores and juniors in order to rate them for national scholarship awards. The PSAT is given by the counselors one day during school. The ACT and SAT, however, must be taken at Ashland Community College or another participating college on a given Saturday during the year. The tests determine if students will be accepted into college.

In the 1984-85 school year, yearly achievement testing became mandatory when the Kentucky Department of Education adopted the Test of Cognitive Skills and the Kentucky Essential Skills Tests (KEST). From now on, these tests have become an extension of the numerous tests to be taken at Blazer.



Looking at the ACT test date list, junior Mitzi Cottle tries to decide which day she will take the test.

Learning her class rank, junior Mori Boggs also checks to see her yearly grade point average.

Lecturing on "Good Looks and Self Poise", models from Lexington and Charleston speak to one of the home economics classes.

Academics Can be Fun

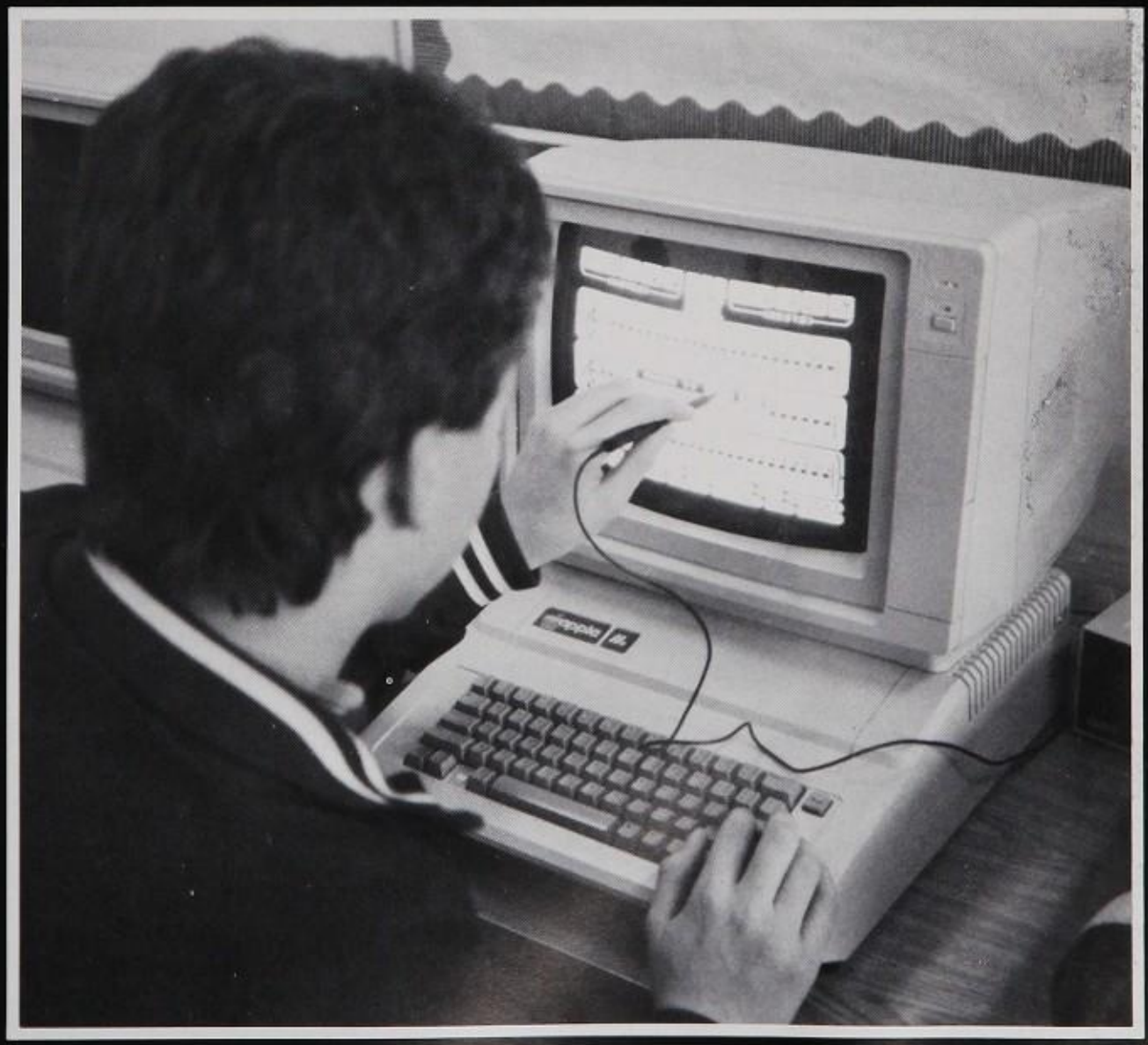
Many times the Blazer academic classes could be fun. Mrs. Dykes' history students often dressed in costumes from the period they were studying. They also cooked foods from these time periods. The whole project was an effort from Mrs. Dykes to make learning more fun, and it worked.

For students with a strong stomach, biology could be interesting. Students dissected fetal pigs as a class project. Anatomy classes dissected minks and other specimens. For those with a weaker stomach, chemistry students worked in the lab with more "settling" chemicals.

During the year, models visited some of the home economic classes to lecture on self-improvement and poise. The students also prepared and sampled different types of food.

The Advanced Art students painted Building One's windows for several occasions. For Christmas they painted "Santas" and stockings for a holiday view as people entered the building. Many colored eggs and springtime decorations were painted for Easter which gave everyone a touch of spring fever.

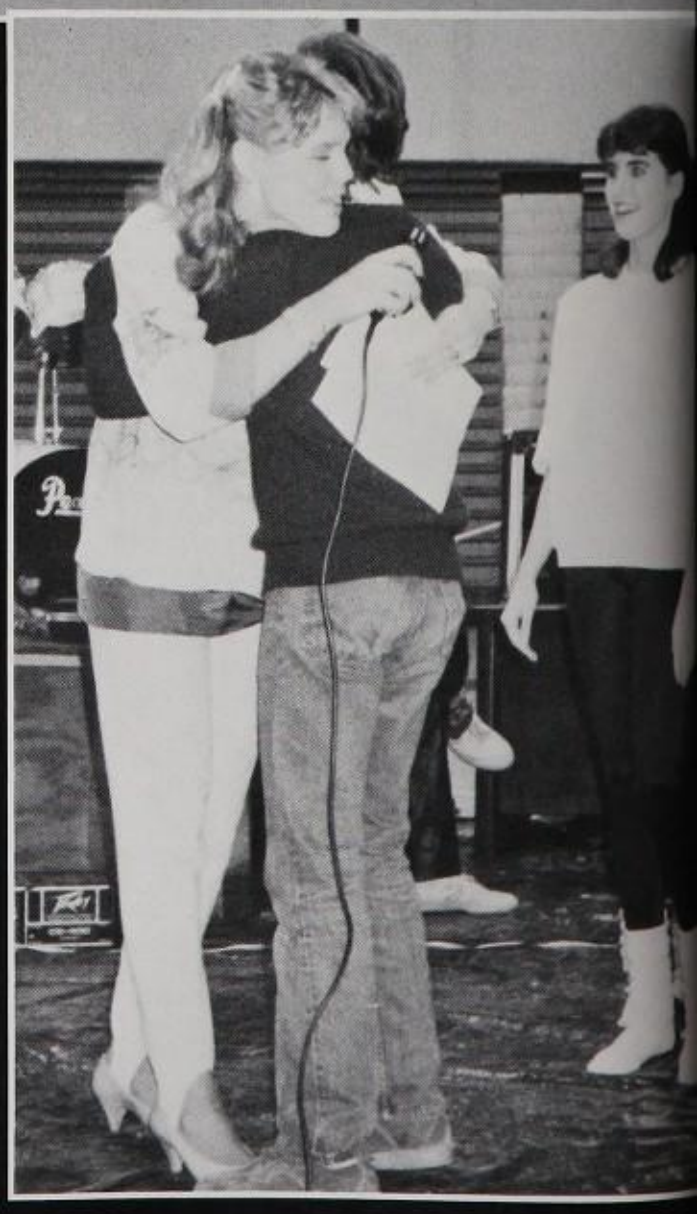
Modeling a Trojan Warrior's uniform in Mrs. Dykes' history class is sophomore Scott Neal.



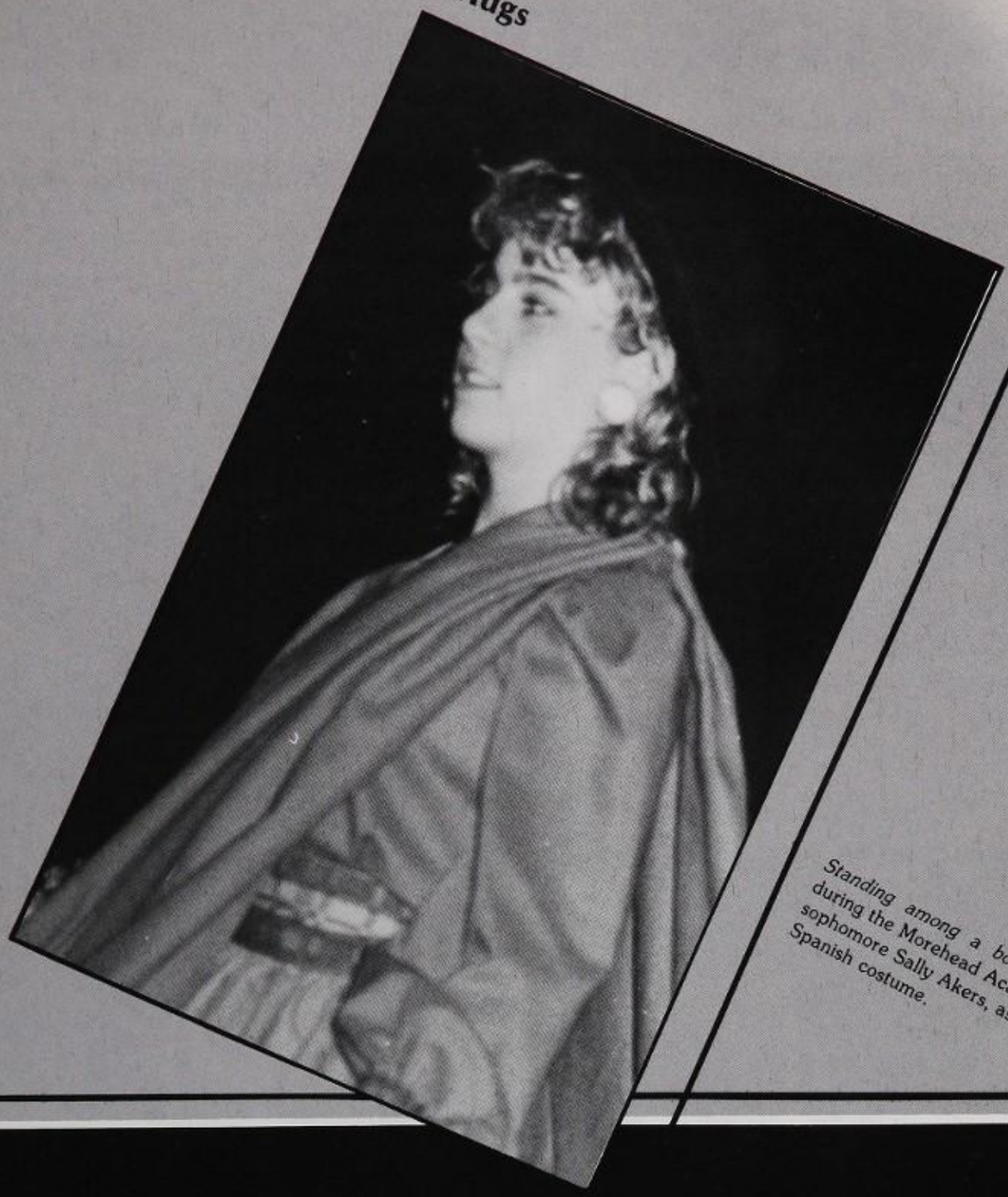
Utilizing the computer lab in Building Two, a student uses a light pen to choose an optic for music class.

Cheering their team on to victory are football players sophomore Chris Eby and senior Todd Henry.

Making their way to the next session during the KASC Convention are members of the Blazer Student Council.



Congratulating junior Michael Moore on his win in the talent show is senior Kim Eby, mistress of the ceremony.



Standing among a board of judges during the Morehead Academic Fair is sophomore Sally Akers, as she models Spanish costume.

That's life

The students make the life at Blazer more interesting. Each day something new takes place. These students dedicate each of their periods to learning but what they may not realize is that they also teach each other.

Every student has their individual talents that make school more exciting. The Talent Show and Academic Fairs allowed many of these students to show their creativity. Each class combined their abilities during the Homecoming Carnival in an olympic competition, this showed teamwork. The classes participated not only for a grade, but for pleasure and excitement too. Sports and Conventions gave the students a chance to get involved. Making the most of their four years until that special moment "graduation." But for most it is only a new beginning.

Behind the scenes

Many students wonder just what the Building 1 administrators and staff members do. Well first the administrators are the ones who work together to keep our school running. The principal, vice-principals, and counselors are the main administrators.

The principal's job is to maintain the school by keeping the campus clean and to see that everything is working properly. He also is the one who approves dances, pep rallies, and assemblies. He also is very active in the academic life of Blazer.

The vice-principal's job is to maintain the students. Mr. Joe Fraley works with the freshmen and sophomores, while Mr. Randy Williams has the job of taking care of the juniors and seniors. Mr. Fraley is also our computer consultant as he has attended several computer classes. He also helps Mrs. Davis with Student Council. Mr. Williams' other job is athletic supervisor. He schedules all athletic events in cooperation with the schools in the area.

The counselors, Betty Pack and Pat McNeal, are here to help with scheduling, grade reports, all testing, college preparations for juniors and seniors, and many other time consuming tasks. The most important task they have is helping students with their problems.

Other staff members in Building 1 include Cassie Masters, who is Mr. Riedel's secretary, Nell Stringer, who is secretary to the counselors, Mildred Elam, who keeps the bookstore running and takes care of all funds for clubs and textbooks. Ann Spears, who keeps the attendance office, Ruth Miller, who runs the library, and Kathy Bogardus, who is in charge of all the audio and video equipment. Overall, We have a very busy staff.

G. G. Riffe

Finding something amusing during a faculty breakfast are Ruth Miller, Nell Stringer, and Pat McNeal.

Wondering why everything disappeared on her computer screen is audio and video expert Kathy Bogardus.

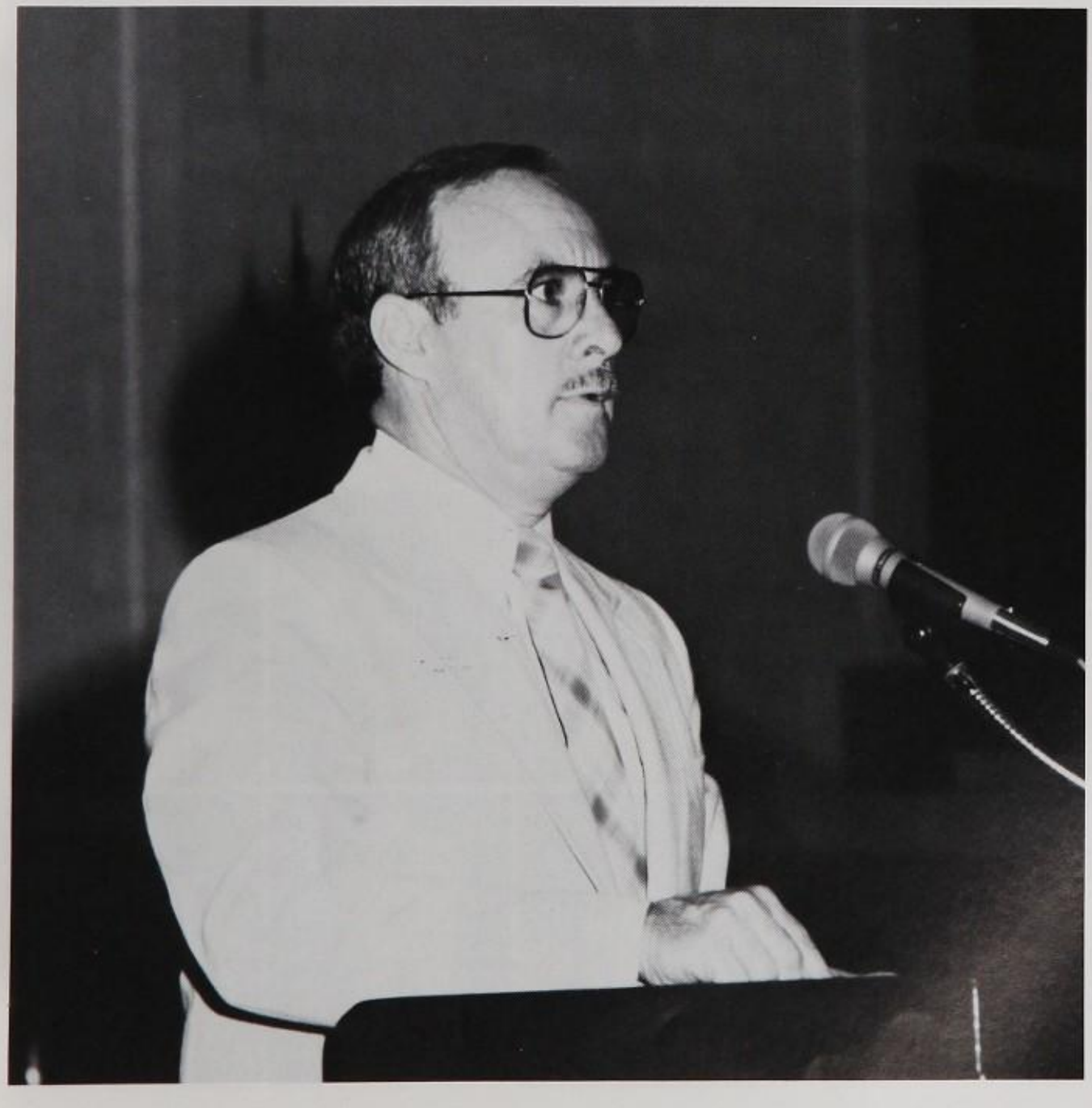
Announcing names of the graduates during commencement program is assistant principal Randy Williams.

Working on her computer is part of Mrs. Cassie Masters' daily routine as Blazer's secretary.

Presenting the Pollock awards to this year's two outstanding seniors is assistant principal Joe Fraley.

Working on the bookkeeping for the many clubs in the school is only one of the responsibilities of Mrs. Elam.

Looking for phone numbers to make calls to the parents of absent students is attendance officer, Mrs. Ann Spears.



Checking over test scores from the K.E.S.T. recently taken by all students is counselor, Betty Pack.

Congratulating the class of '86 and giving a few words of encouragement is principal, Mr. Glenn Riedel.

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SAM BUTLER
CHARLES CUMMINGS
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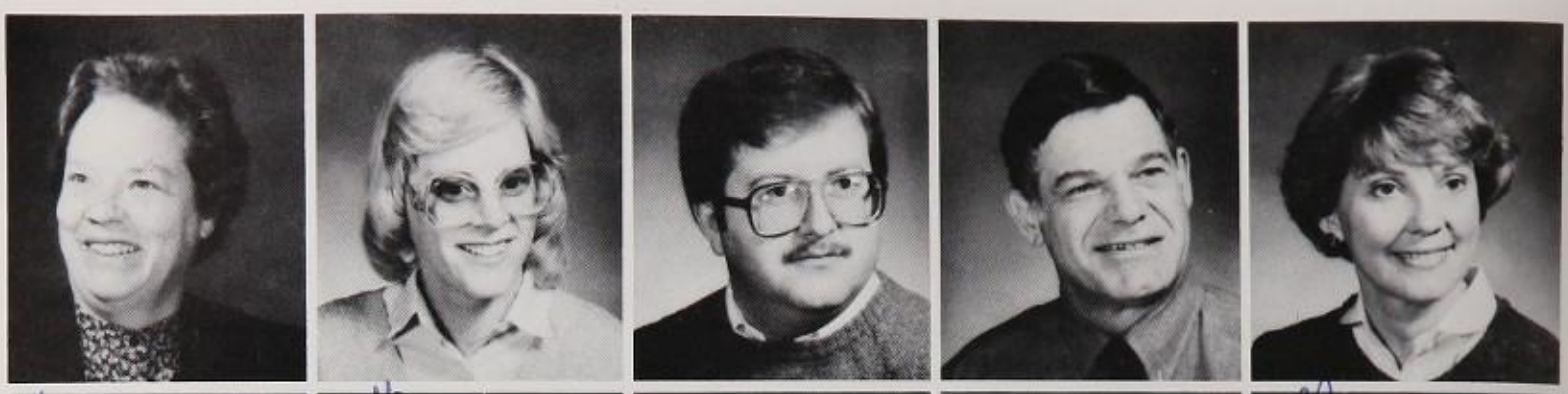

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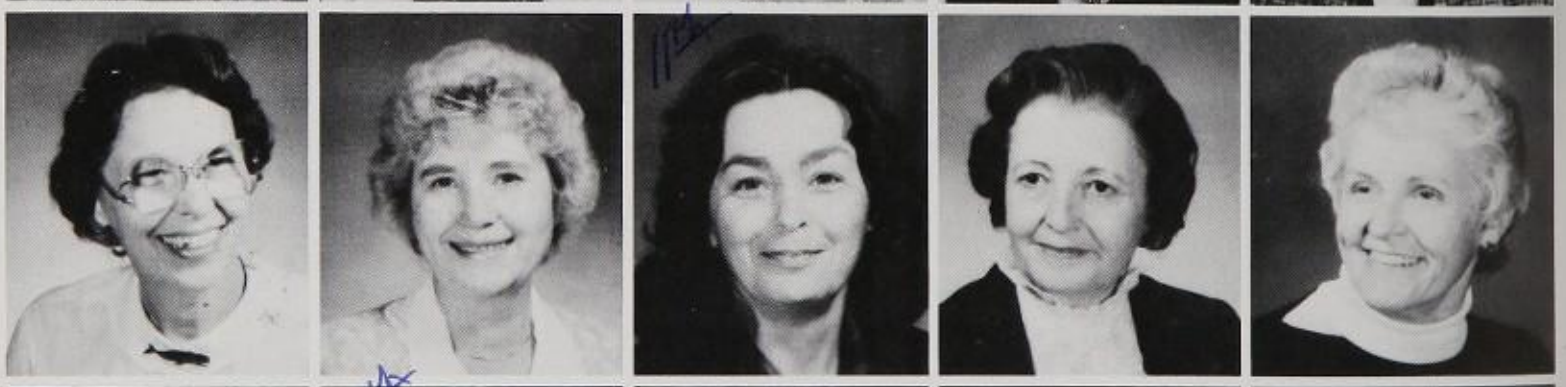

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WANDA RIDDLE
GLENN RIEDEL
DOUG RIGSBY
CONNIE RYAN
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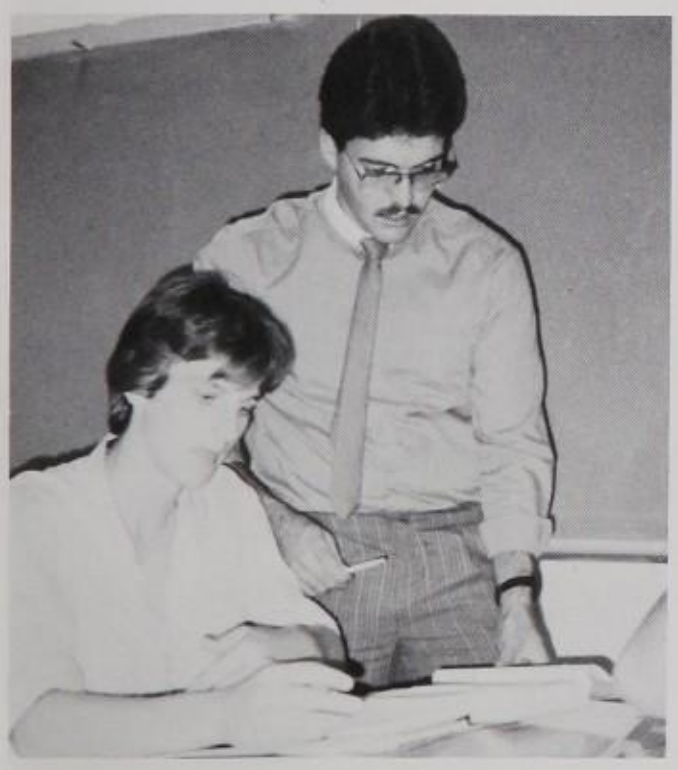


Explaining a problem in trigonometry to senior David Edmond is student teacher Mr. Claxon.

First semester student teachers seated in chairs from left to right are Marian Fathergill and Patty Miller. Standing behind them from left to right are Steven Cooke and William Claxon. Absent from picture is Mike Epperly.

Teachers are students too!

During the first week of October Blazer had five visitors. They were college students from Morehead University that taught the Blazer students for a twelve week period.

Afterwards they graduated in December and plan to look for a teaching position. The five student teachers were scattered throughout the academic classes. One of the student teachers was William Claxon who taught Mr. Booth's General Math and Trigonometry classes. Mr. Claxon hopes to obtain a teaching position in North Eastern Kentucky or Southeastern Ohio. "Both my wife's family and my own live in this part of Kentucky."

Another student teacher, Patty E. Miller taught in the Business Department. "I think Blazer is a very nice school especially the business department. Also, the people are nice which helped make my experience here very pleasant."

Steven Cooke taught some of the gym classes. After graduation Mr. Cooke hopes to substitute second semester and then wants a full-time job as a physical education or a sociology teacher. "I also want to coach a football, basketball or baseball team," stated Mr. Cooke.

Marian Fathergill taught some of Mrs. Stamper English and French classes. "In general the students at Blazer are well-behaved and cooperative. Most of them are motivated to learn."

Mike Epperly taught band classes with Mr. Miller and also traveled every day to Verity Middle School to teach band. Mr. Miller view student teaching as an experiment. He thought student teaching could be improved by placing a student teacher in a school with a supervising teacher for a full year.

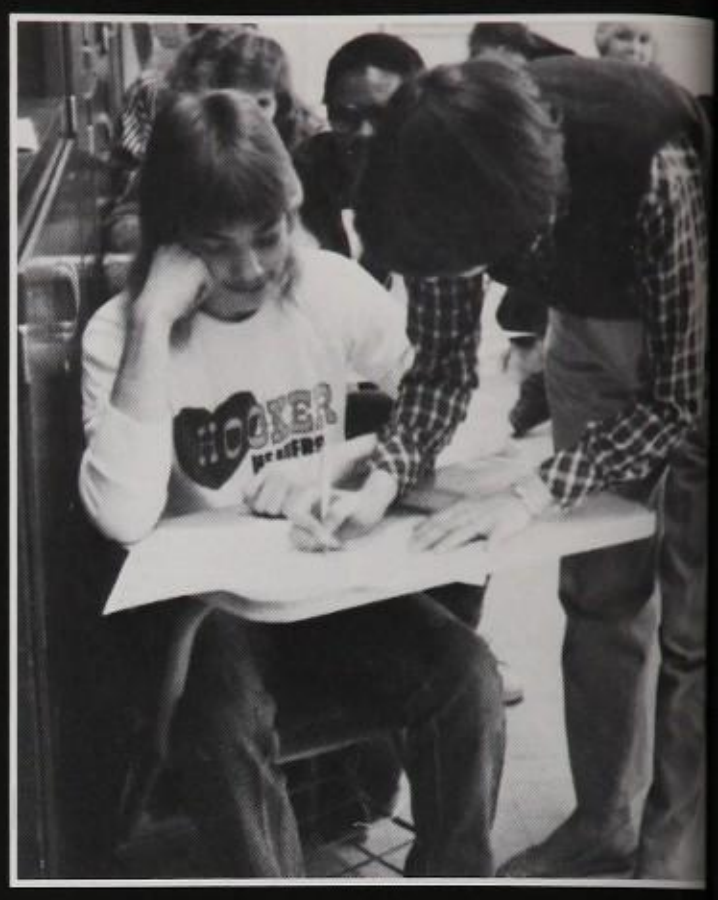
Cathy Stavros

On TOP at last!!!

This is really it for the ones on "TOP". The senior class took action to raise money for their end of the year trip. They sold cheese and sponsored the Morp dance to help finance this activity. It resulted in a trip to Kings Island along with Spanish Club and Student Council on May 23rd.

No more speeches and no more research papers to work on only the memories. As one thought, the graduation day was nearing. How could anyone make it through was the thought many students had at the beginning of the year. But they did! The Seniors came through with flying colors. This was a year to remember.

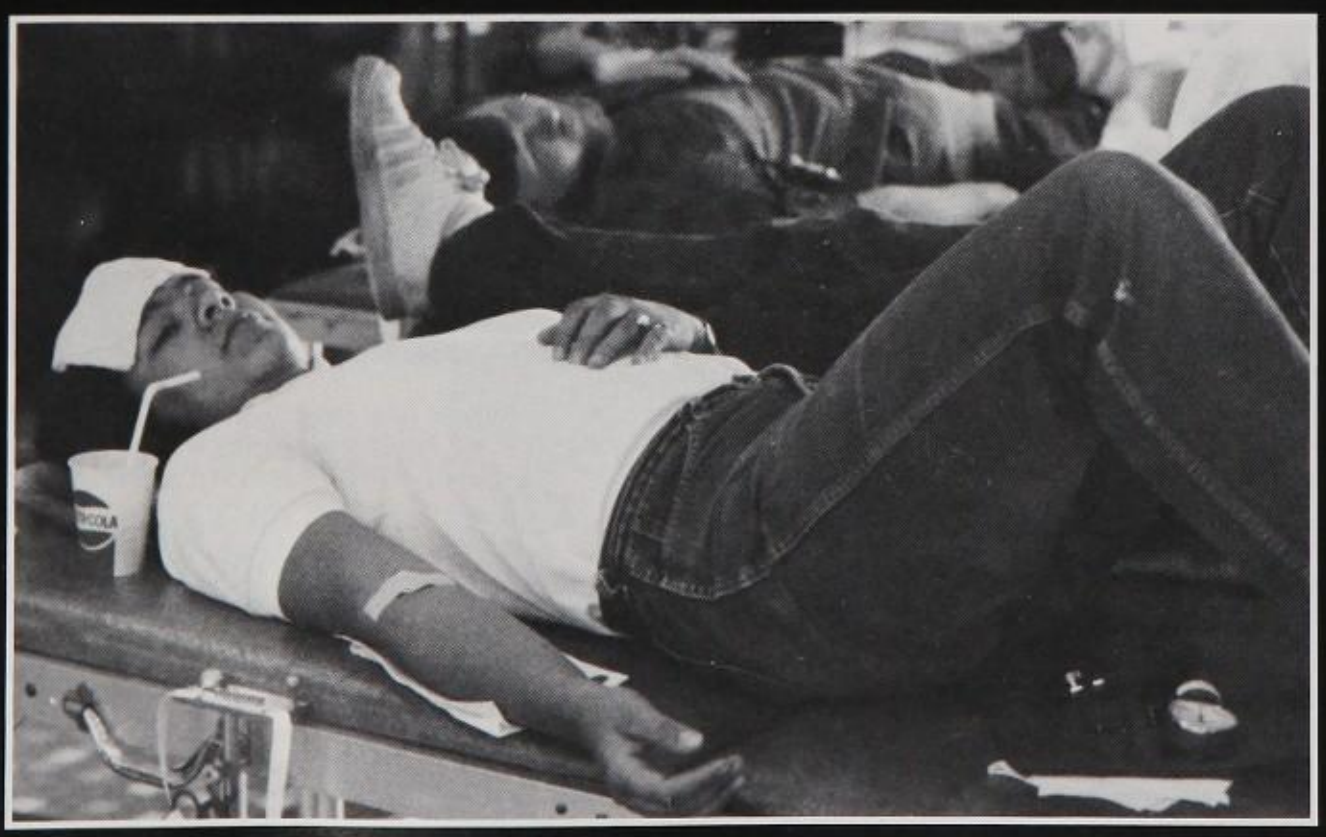
SENIORS

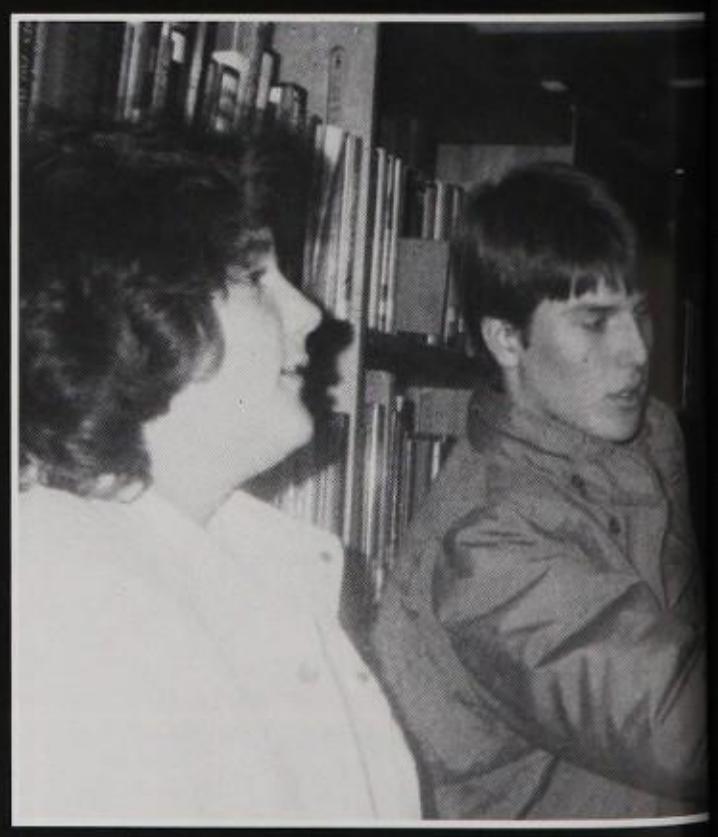


Asking for assistance from substitute teacher Mrs. Hatfield is senior Matt Stewart during first period.

Spending their time in the Cafeteria during KASC are seniors Donna Davis and Mary Walter along with junior Kelly Patterson.

Answering the telephone in the building two message center is senior Kevin Blake during fifth period.





Recovering after giving blood for the American Red Cross is senior Tiera Gonzales in the lobby of the gym.

"Everyone has been great in helping with the activities this year. I've really enjoyed 1985-86," said senior Kim Eby.

Looking for a book in the library, for his English research paper, is senior Shawn Conley.

Working on a program during computer science class senior Angel Beardsley, concentrates to achieve good grades.

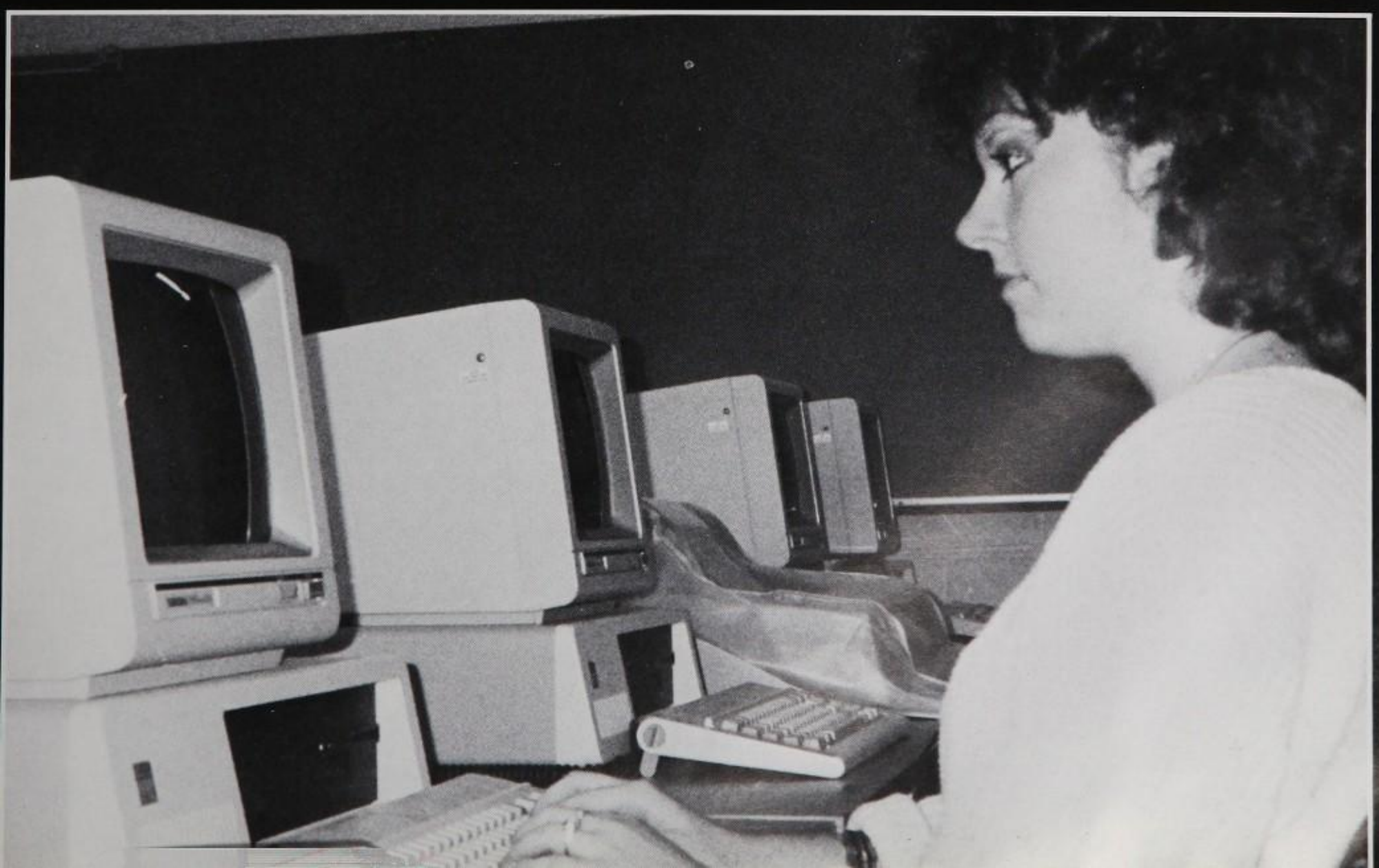
Off the ground, with arms in the air is senior Jeannie Gray during the "Just for Fun" dance.

Senior Officers: Secretary, Stephanie Miller; Treasurer, Grady Walter; Vice-President, Jodi Williams and absent President Greg Rice.

"The senior year of high school is the best! I've enjoyed every minute of it. The bad thing is that it has gone by too fast. I'm really looking forward to graduation but I know I will miss my friends. My senior year has left me with a lot of great memories that will last a lifetime."

Stephanie Miller

Preparing for a day on the slopes are seniors Jessica Gibson, Wendy Earley and Suzanne Alvey during the ski club trip.



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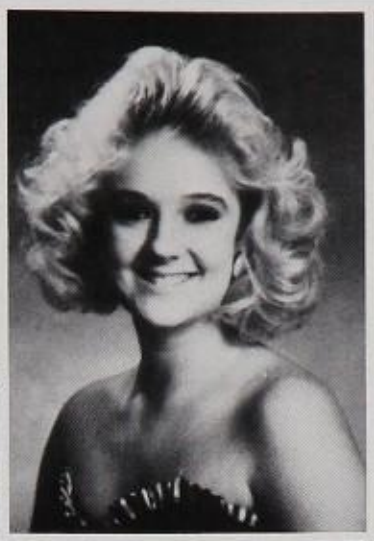
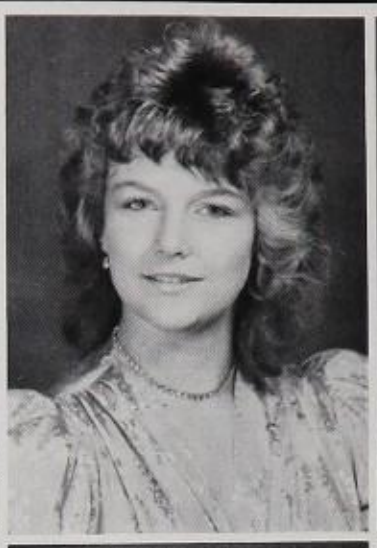

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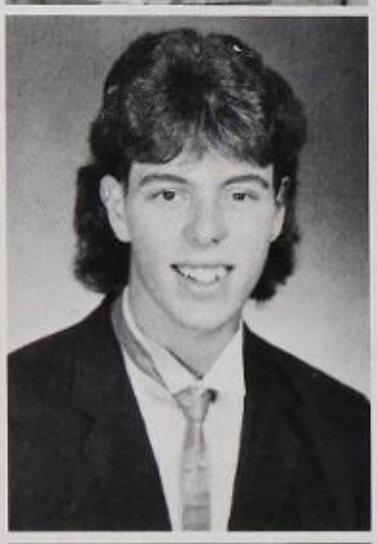
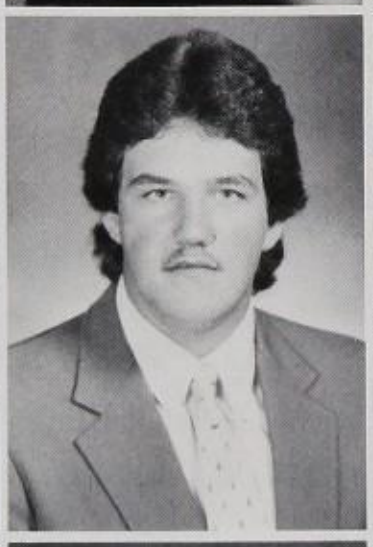
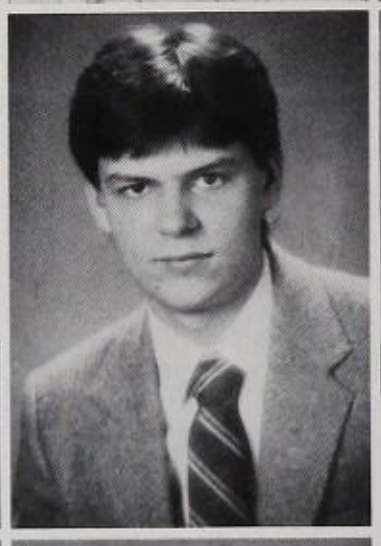

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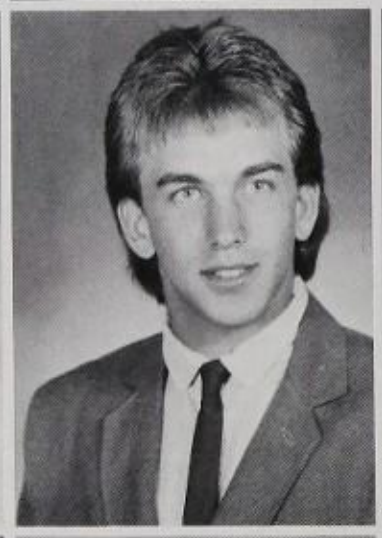

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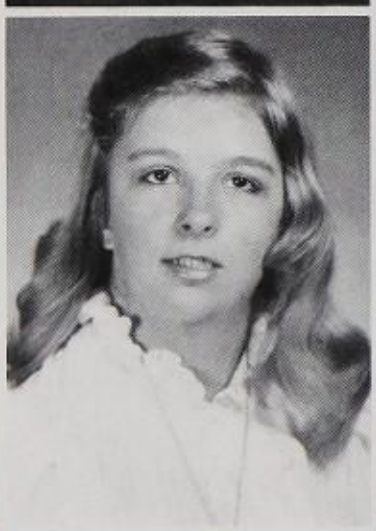

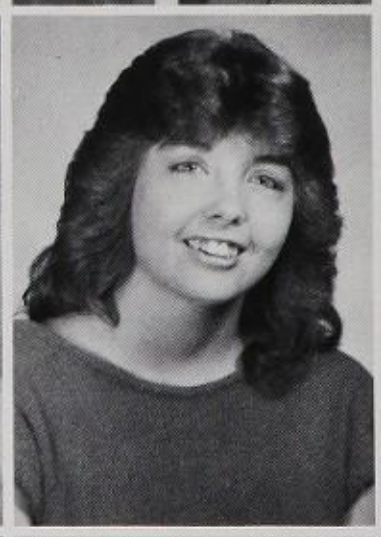
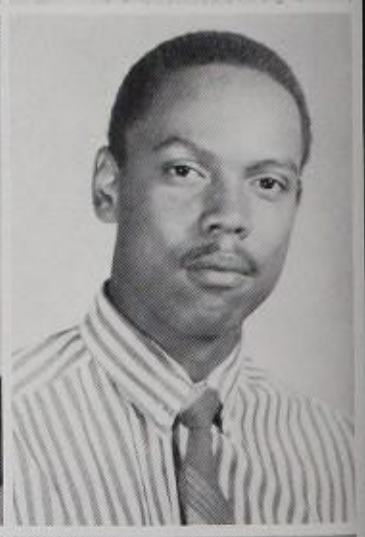

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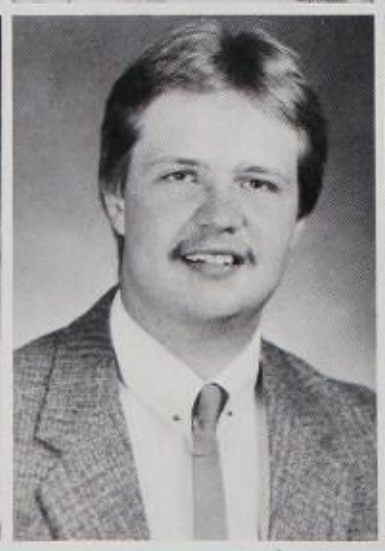
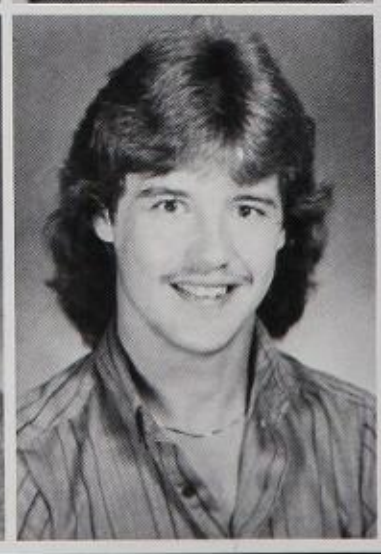
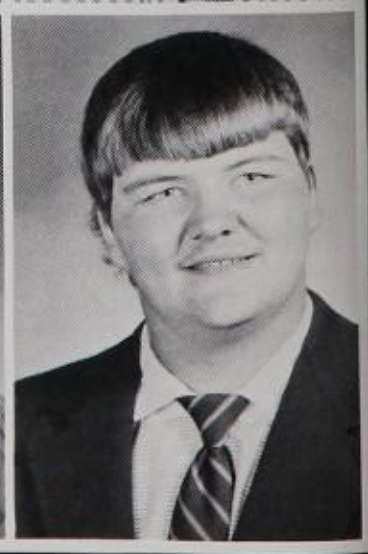

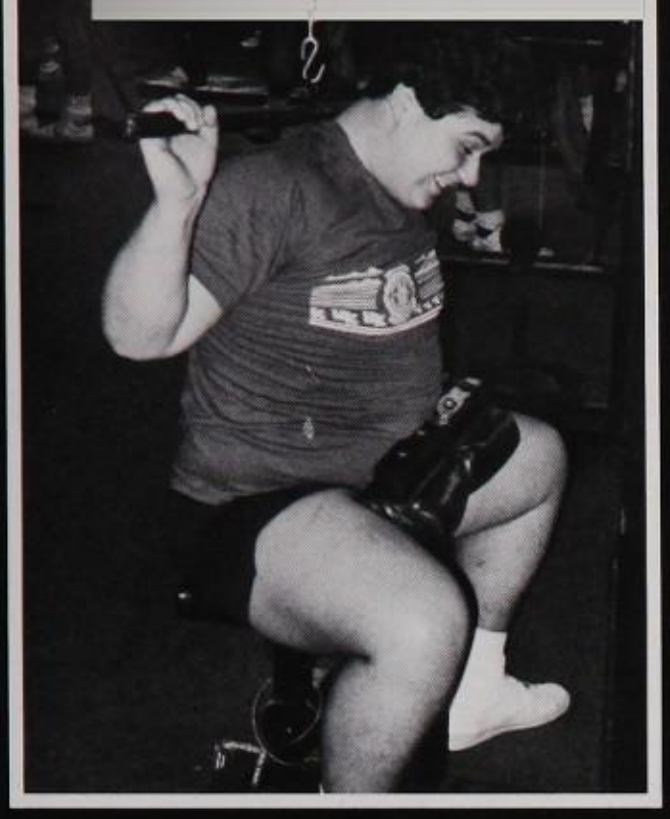

Muscles and Sweat

Many Blazer sophomore boys had high hopes of being on the starting football squad for the next year's season. They worked on building up their muscles to reach their goals of becoming a starting player, everyday after-school until 5:00 p. m. Sophomore Chris Eby stated, "Lifting weights is a painful experience if you bush yourself too much. After-school practice was rough for some lifters because they don't eat lunch and by 3:05, they've lost their energy."

During the summer, the team must attend a football camp and when they aren't at football camp, they must come to the weight room at 8:00 a. m. every morning until they get through with their lifting.

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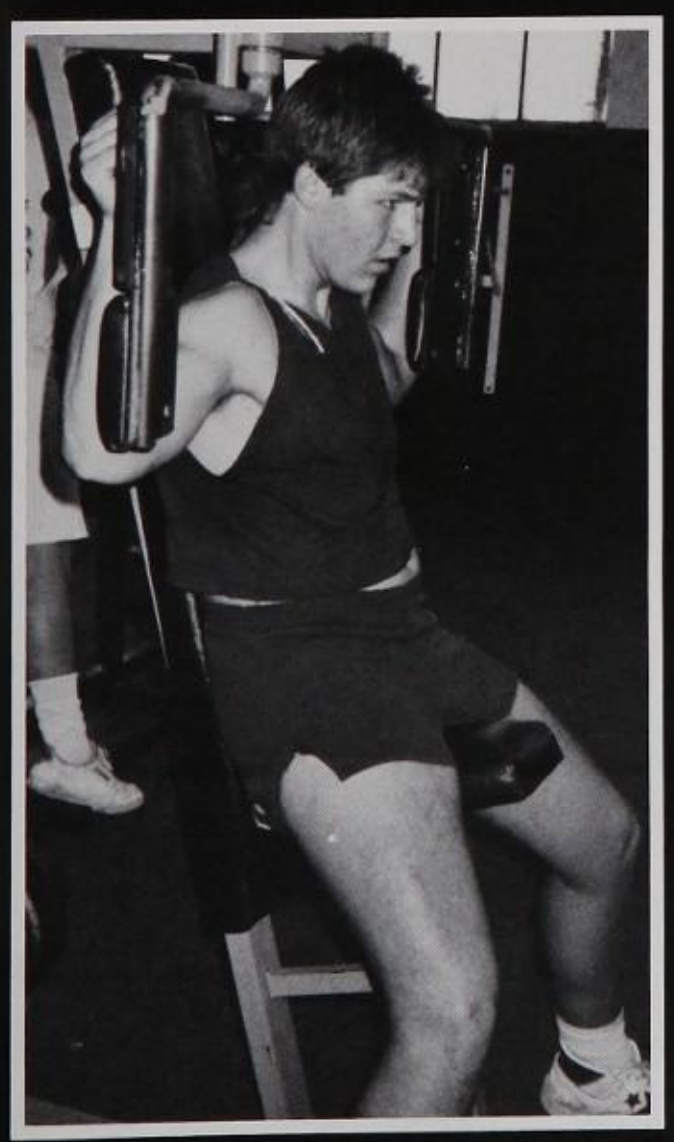
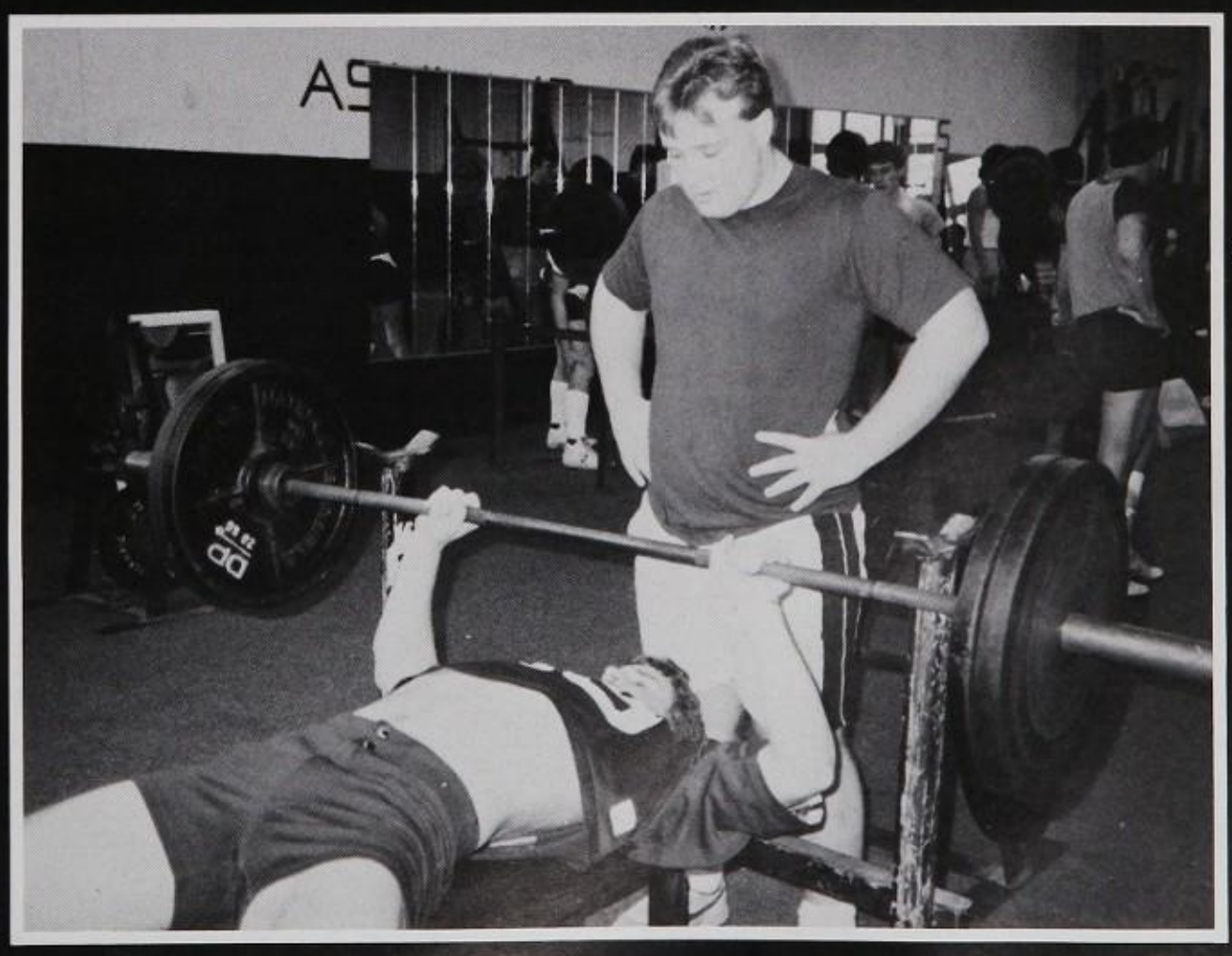
Groaning helps sophomore Shawn Boggs to give the needed effort to lift a 'few' pounds during weight lifting practice.

Feeling the pain of lifting, sophomore Scott Neill works on his hamstring muscles during weight lifting practice.





Straining to increase his pectoral muscles, sophomore Chris Sizemore sweats practice out in the weight room.

Spotting Sophomore Brett Henry benching weights is junior Dwight Blair during a weight lifting session.

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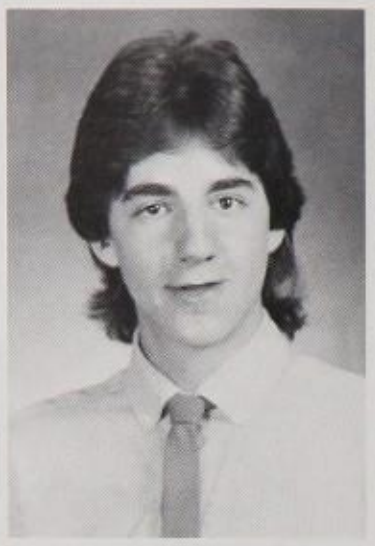

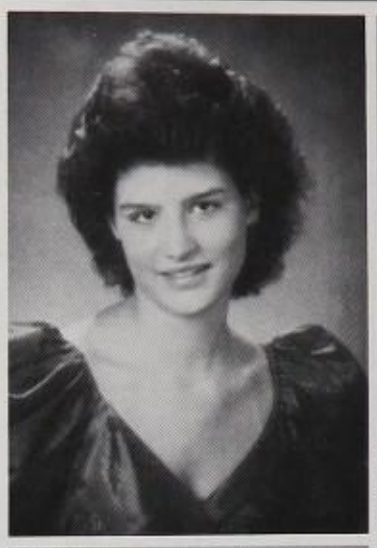

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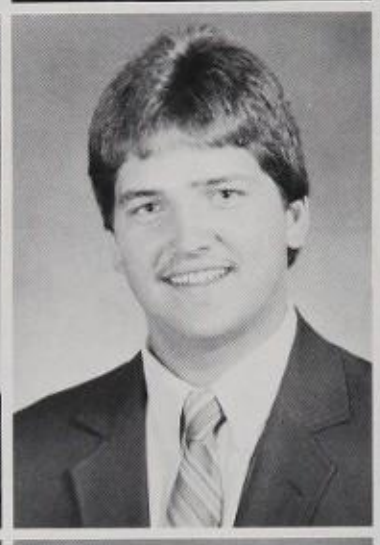

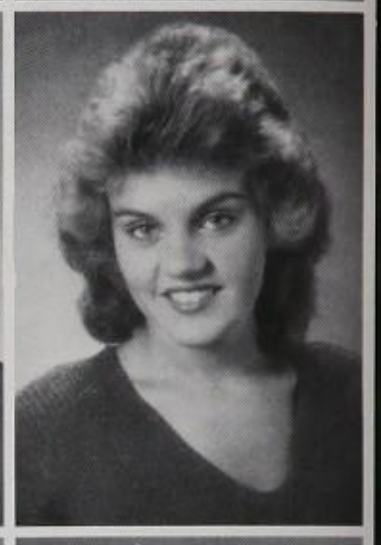

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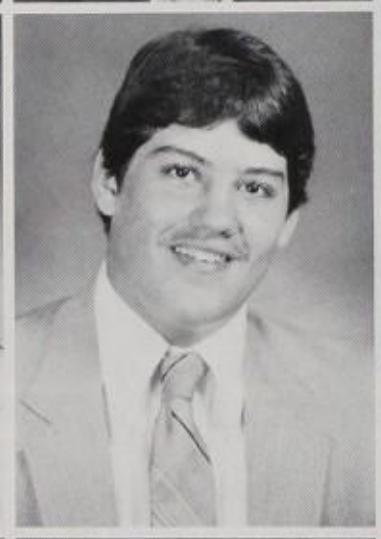

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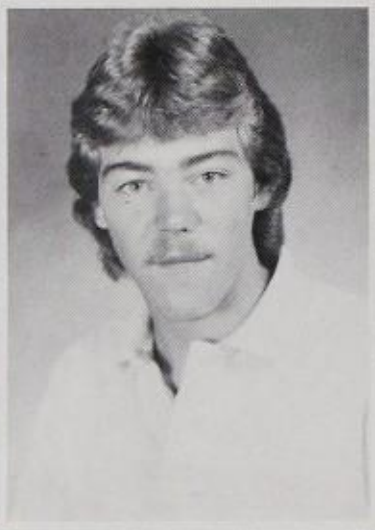

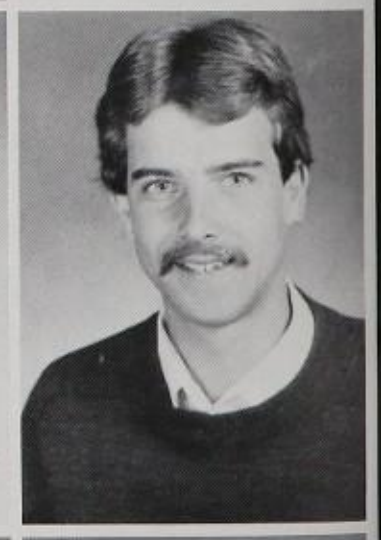

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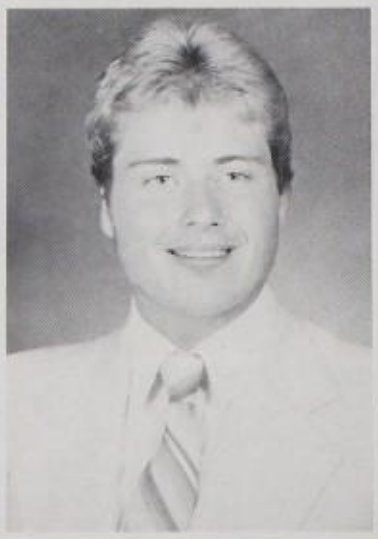

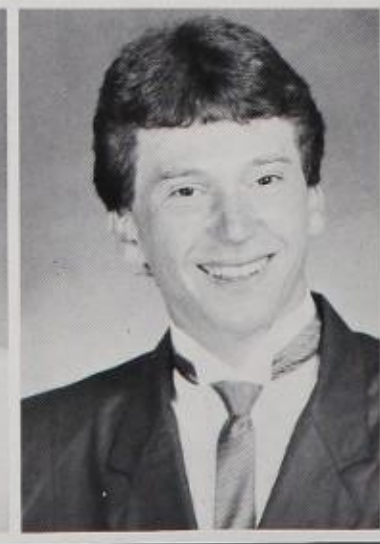

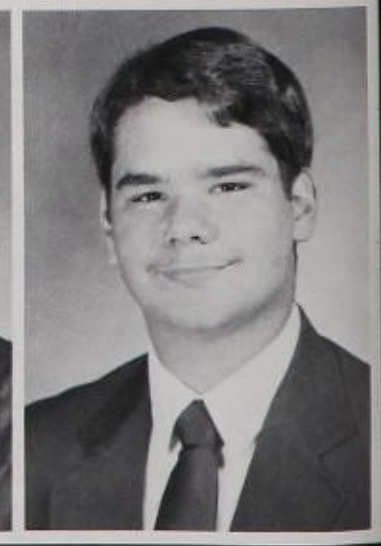

Our Kittens can really purr

The Ashland Kittens under new head coach, Connie Ryan, and assistant coach, Mark Litteral, went to the state tournament for the first time in three years. The Kittens made it to the state by defeating Boyd County in the 16th region.

Blazer students and faculty were very proud of the Kittens, for not only winning the regional tournament, but for having such a successful regular season record of 20-9. Before they left for Bowling Green, a short but large pep rally was held to cheer the Kittens on to State.

The State Tournament was held in Bowling Green, Kentucky and sixteen teams participated. The Kittens drew Mason County, a team with a record of 26-3. The Kittens lost 62-52 but with a team of six juniors and four seniors, we are sure they will be back to Bowling Green next year and are confident that they can win it all.

Junior Angie Johnson stated after the trip to Bowling Green, "This was a brand new year for us and with it came a new coach. Coach Ryan gave us all the confidence we needed to reach our goals. She believed in us more than we believed in ourselves. Through all the hard work and confidence we accomplished our main goal which was to go to State. We did it and it will never be forgotten in any of our hearts."

Post-season honors went as follows: Ohio Kentucky Conference Coach of the Year - Connie Ryan, 1st Team Ohio Kentucky Conference - Angie Johnson and Kristie Adkins, 2nd Team Ohio Kentucky Conference - Robin Brown.

Cathy Stavros

Talking before the departure to Bowling Green are juniors Angie Johnson and Jennifer Maynard, and sophomore Angie Hicks.

Walking through the lobby to the bus, Coach Ryan and Coach Litteral are targets of confetti throwers.

Departing from Blazer, many students wave and cheer the Kittens on to the State Tournament.

SENIORS

TODD CHILDERS
ASHLEY CIMINELLA
MARY COLEGROVE
MICHELLE COLLINS

JANE COMPTON
TINA COOPER
JOHN CORDLE
ROBIN COTY

ROBIN CRAIG
TODD CRAIG
KEITH CRAYCRAFT
SHERRY CRUM

TAMMY DANIEL
KEITH DANIELS
DONNA DAVIS
KELLY DAVIS

GRETA DELSANTO
STEVE DEMPSEY
CHERI DEPRIEST
GENE DOBSON

Could Rock-n-Roll be in the future plans of senior Mike McCall as shown here during the talent show?

"Reaching for the goal line"

This year was very important for seniors, and college was on the minds of many. Preparing and planning for college was not such an easy task. Goals, finances, and which college to go to was just half of what most seniors might have had to think about. There were also the ACT and the SAT and maybe even the Achievement Tests to be taken and even retaken if a student was dissatisfied about their scores. The decision that seniors must make will reflect on them throughout their lifetime.

Three seniors were asked what their future goals were; Beverly Hamilton - After high school I am going to attend Georgetown College in the fall. My major is pre-medicine, and I will stay at Georgetown for four years then next I will probably go to U.K. for medical school. I am going to be a psychiatrist. Mark Miller - After high school I am going to attend U.K. I plan to major in Mechanical engineering. After college I am going into the Air Force to become a pilot. After four years in the Air Force I am going to become a Commercial Pilot. Kevin Riley - After High school, I plan to attend Miami University. I am going to major in the business field for my pre-graduate and later study law for my post-graduate. When I finally finish my schooling I plan to be a corporate attorney.

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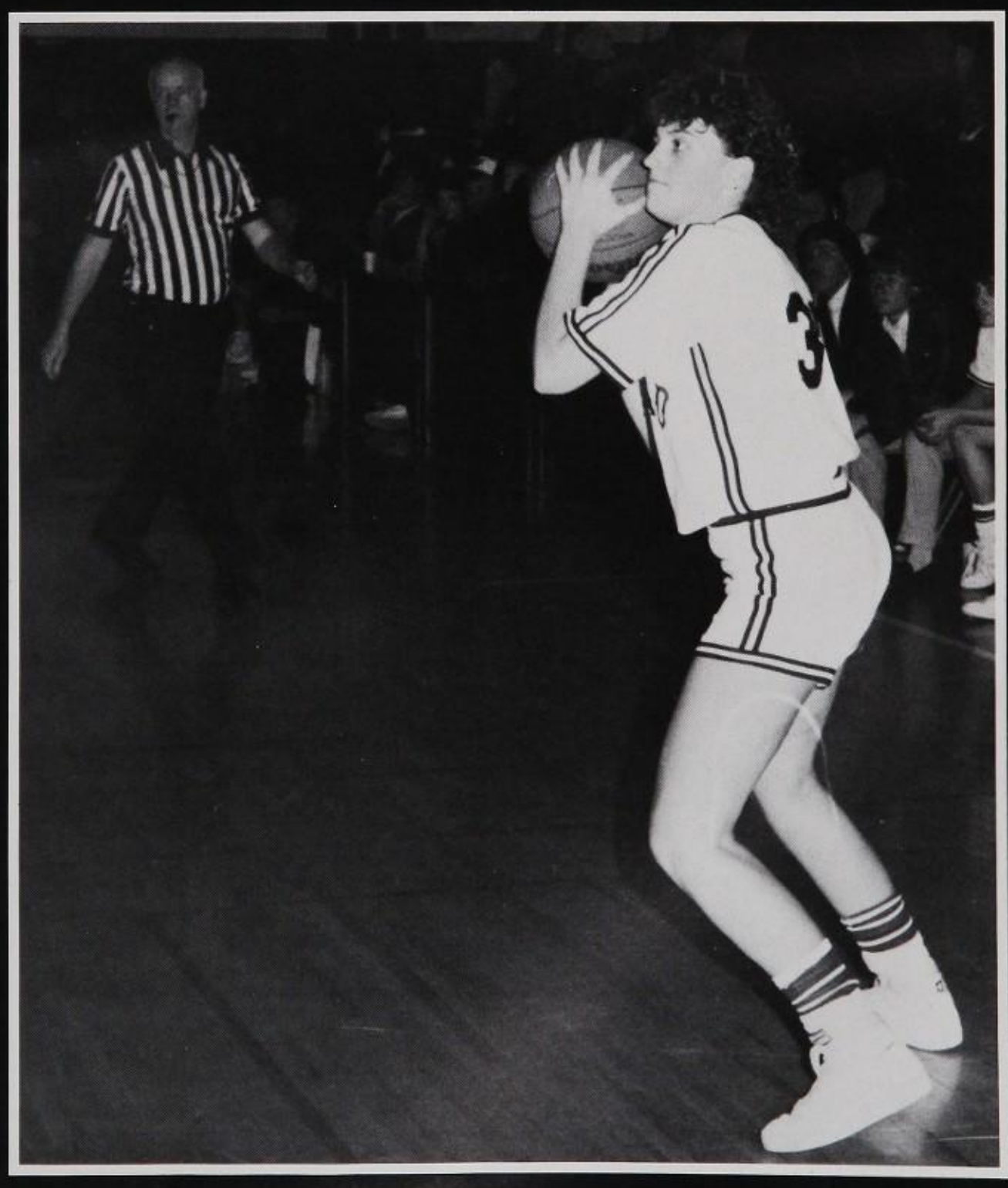
Will senior Christi Hayes further herself in the band as a field commander during her college years?

Will the basketball scholarship to Shawnee State College decide senior Michelle Collins' future plans?



Could senior Mark Tullis be planning to become a professional trumpet player in a famous jazz band?

Area misses 'Flaming' with talent

For some students with talent and beauty, the area pageants were well worth the anxiety and preparation. Such pageants as Miss Flame and Junior Miss were awaited by six Blazer students.

Entered in the Miss Flame pageant were Senior Tina Dove and juniors Becky Robinson and Jane Thompson. Tina recieved the title of Miss Congeniality. This is an award which is given in most all pageants to the girl who is nice and has the best attitude towards all of the other contestants.

Seniors, Kim Eby, Stephanie Miller, and Missy Forte, were among the eight contestants entered in the Junior Miss pageant. Kim Eby placed as second runner-up while Missy captured the award for Physical Fitness. Senior Stephanie Miller stated, "I think the Junior Miss pageant was a lot of fun and gave me experience. It's not only good scholastically, but it also gives one encouragement for the future."

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Presenting her monologue, "All-American Girl," for the talent portion is Senior Kim Eby.

Dancing to the song "Love Lift Us Up" during the Poise and Appearance routine are seniors Stephanie Miller and Kim Eby.

Announcing her name at the beginning of the pageant is Senior Kim Eby as seniors Stephanie Miller and Missy Forte wait in line

Performing the Poise and appearance routine are seniors Missy Fotre, number seven, Stephanie Miller, number five, and Kim Eby, number one.

TINA DOVE
WENDY EARLEY
MARGARET EATON
KIM EBY

DAVID EDMOND
BRYAN ESTEP
TIM EVANS
ELEISA FANNIN

KENT FEAZELL
LESLIE FERGUSON
LYNNE FISHER
LISA FLOWERS

JIM FLUTY
MISSY FORTE
JEFF GANNON
JESSICA GIBSON

DAVID GIFFORD
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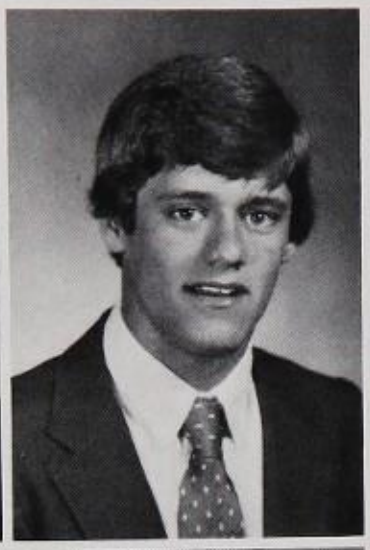

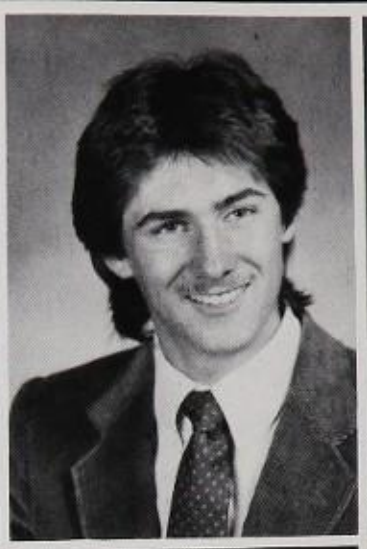

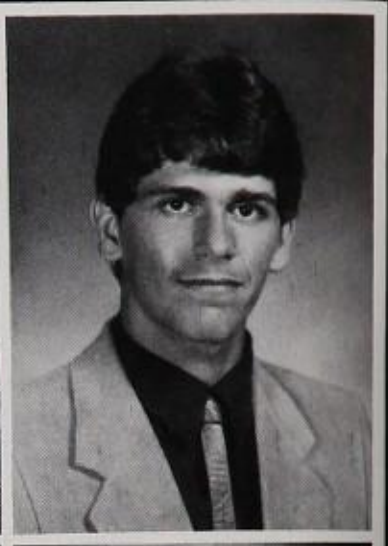

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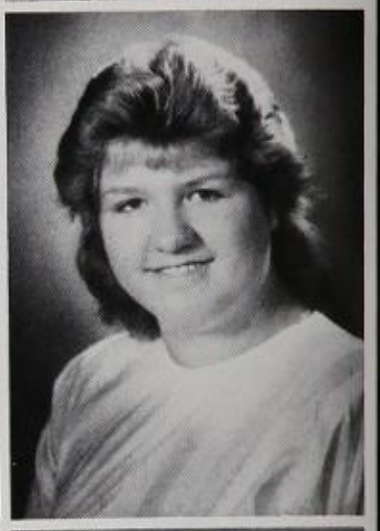

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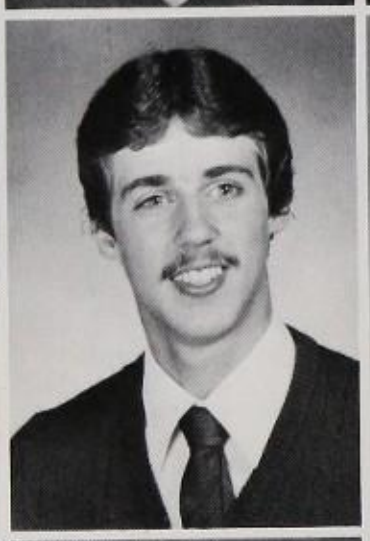

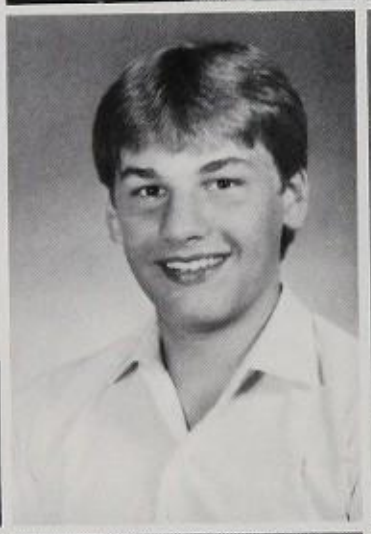

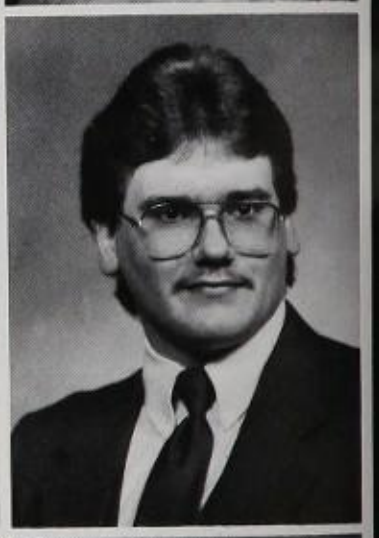

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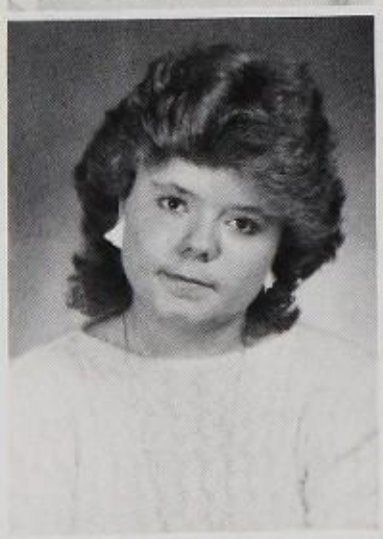

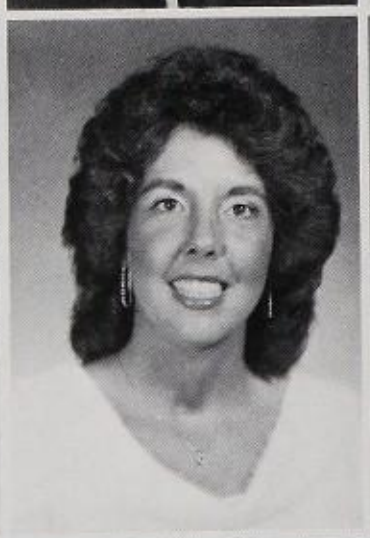

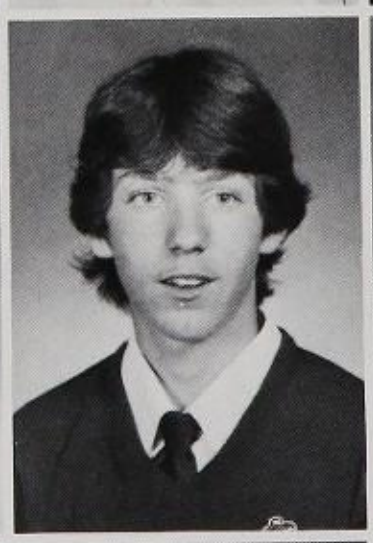

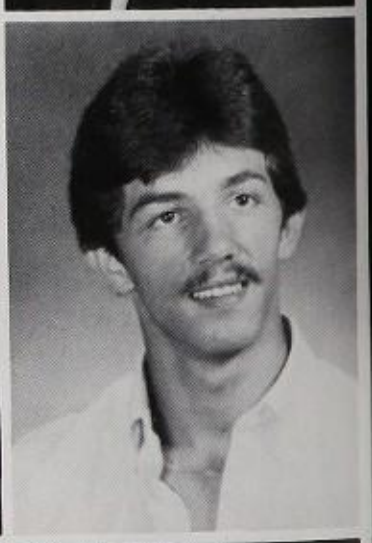

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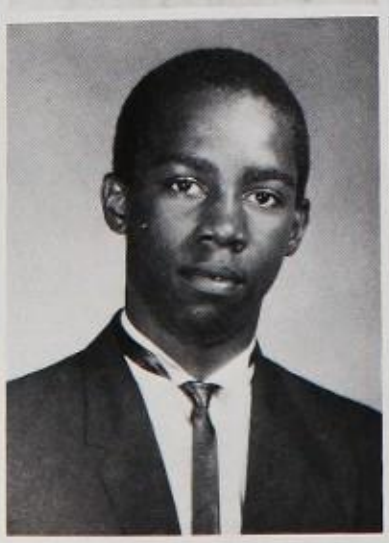
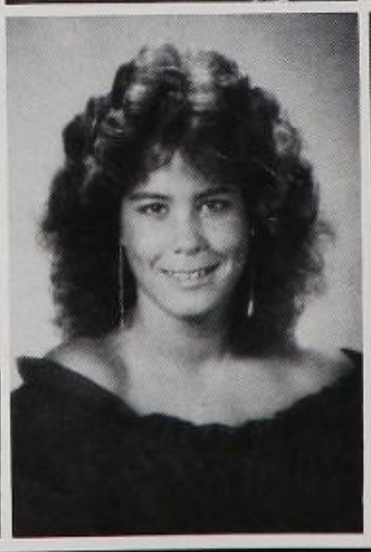
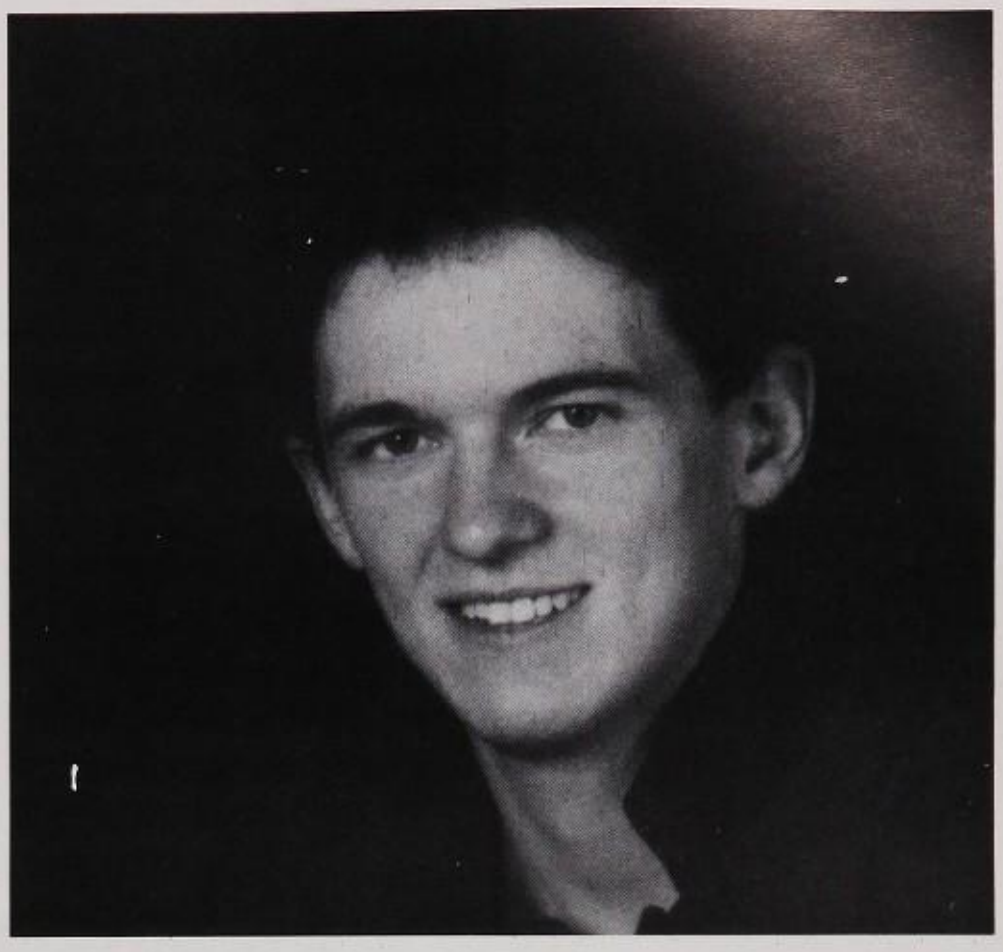




Self Reliance

First place was received by Suzanne Justice Who was very active as a Blazer cheerleader throughout all four years.

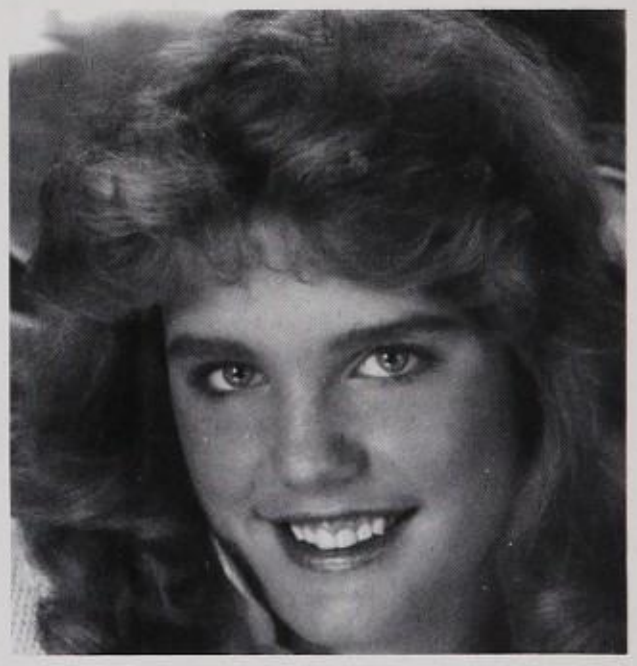


First place was received by Greg Rice who was the Senior class President and the treasurer of Student Council.

Fourth place was received by Noel Quade who was a very important member of the school madrigals and chorus.

Fourth place was received by Kevin Riley who was very active in the school playing football and working an outside job.

Third place was received by Grady Walter who took part in many activities at school and was treasurer of the senior class.



Second place was received by Kim Eby who was Vice-President of Student Council and played volleyball and tennis.

Third place was received by Angela Burchett who was very active in volleyball and a member of Theta.

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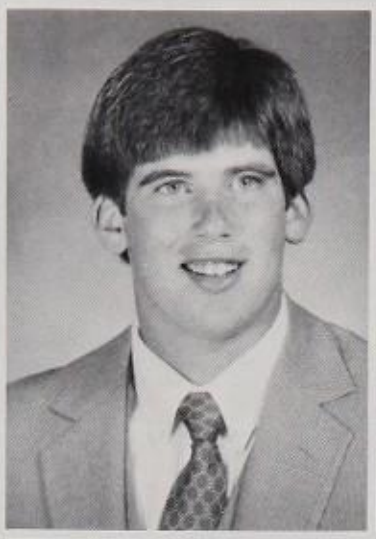
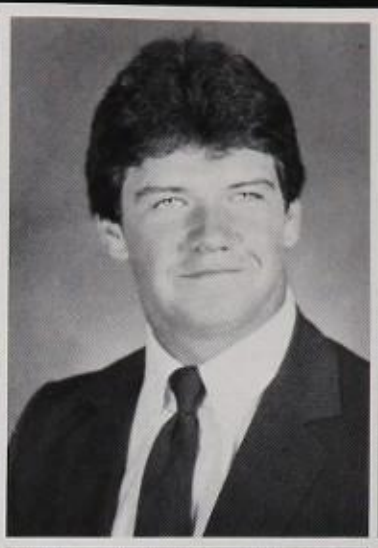

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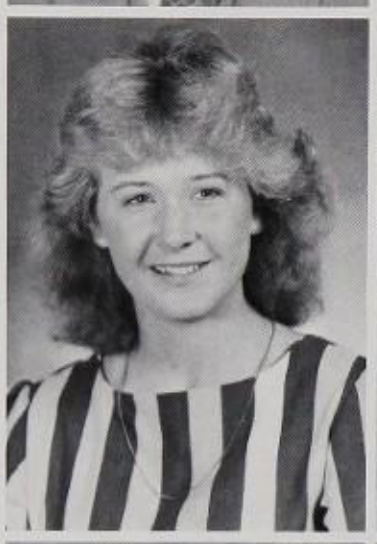

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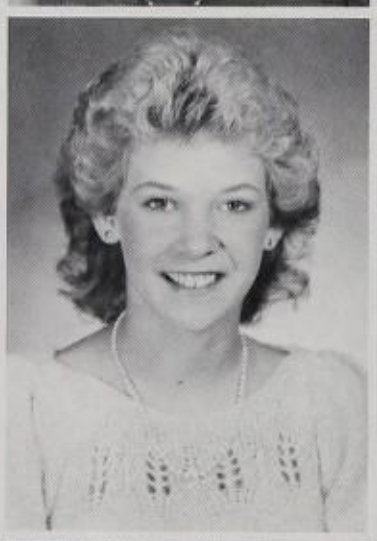
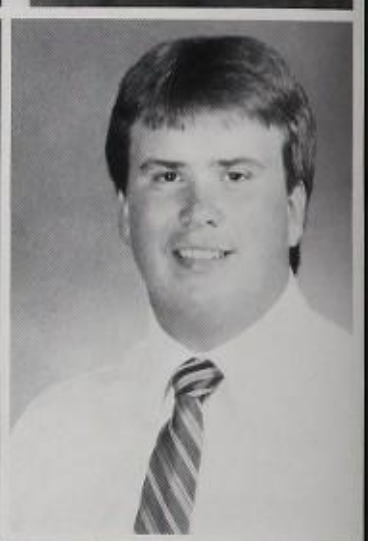

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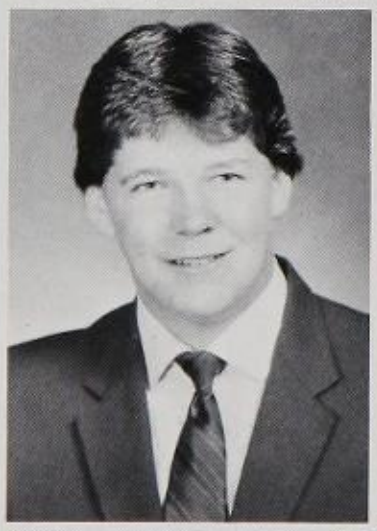
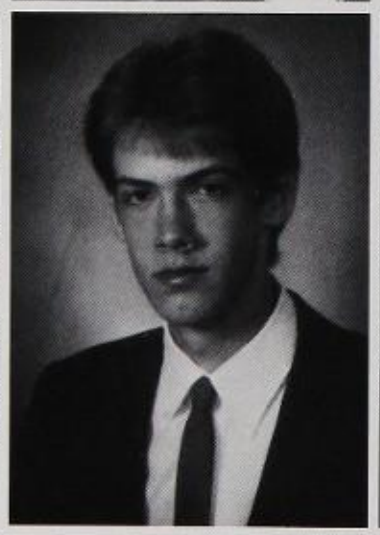

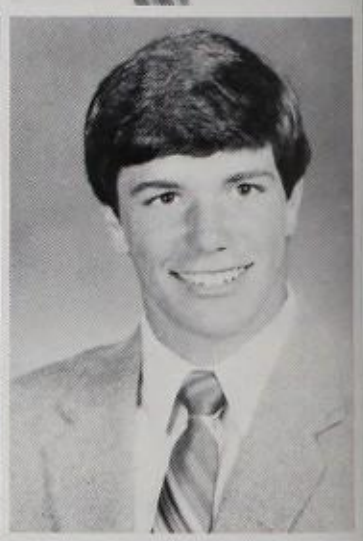

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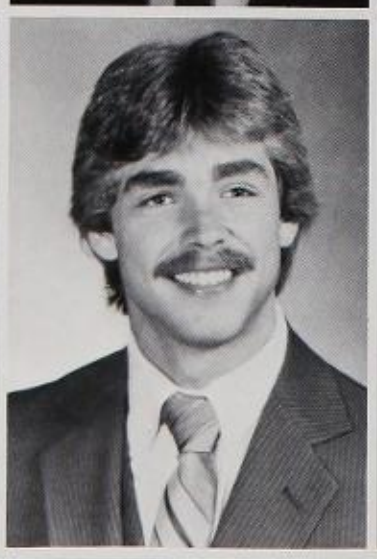

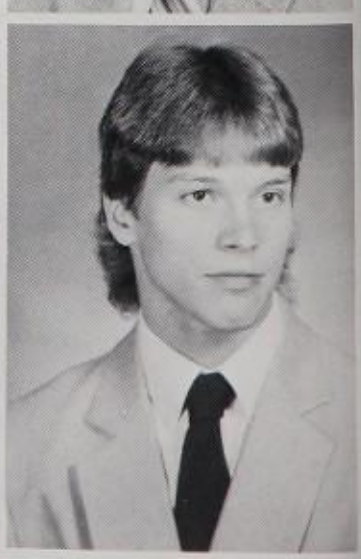

A new kind of assignment

Class assignments are sometimes easy and sometimes hard but being put in a special assignment is something totally different than that in the classroom. The job was to answer telephones, take messages, make schedule changes, sign people in and out, run errands, type absentee reports, straighten out shelves in the library, and many more items needed by any of the staff members.

The library, attendance office, counselor's office, book store, vice-principal's offices, and the principal's office were all part of the special assignments given to many students.

As Senior library worker, Stacey Stephens, puts it, "working in the library gives me a break from regular classes. I may not use the skills I've learned in the library after college but they will be beneficial when the term papers are due at college."

Senior Mary Vanhoose said, "Working for the counselors was at times very hectic since they just developed the AER room. I always had someone to talk to and I got a lot of my homework done too. I recommend counselors office to anyone taking a special assignment."

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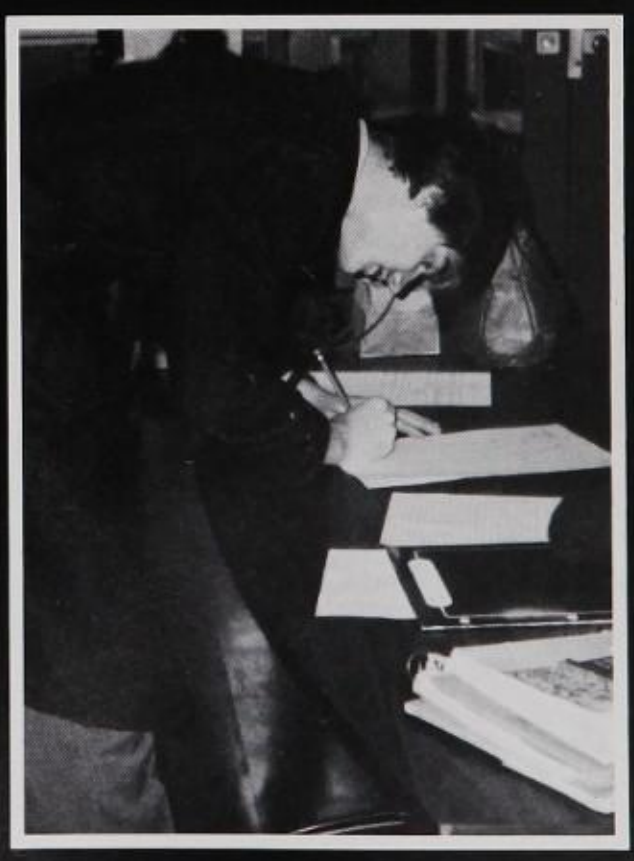
Answering a call on the telephone while working in Mrs. Masters' office is senior Jeannie Gray.

Looking over the evening absentee report are senior office workers Michele Moore, Michelle Collins, and Margo Johnson.



Checking the sign out sheet during second period in the lobby of the main office is Senior Mark Miller.

Assisting Mrs. Davis by marking grades in her grade book is senior teacher aide Jodi Williams.

A Class that's a real gas

Mr. Ted Kinner's 6th period class was a special class to him this year because he taught an A.P.I.B. Chemistry 11. This class was special to him because it was the highest chemistry class that a high school student can take.

The class was designed so that students could work in a lab and work with the chemicals and solutions as in a real laboratory. All year they were inspired by Mr. Kinner to find unknowns of a solution.

There were only seven seniors in the class. Members of the class were Kim Eby, Tim Grizzle, Holly Huber, Jeff Palmeter, Beth Turman, Anita Sebright and Beth Brown.

Senior Kim Eby stated after completing the course, "It was a really worthwhile class and I enjoyed it greatly. Although there were only seven members in the class I feel that each student got a better understanding because of the teacher to student relationship."

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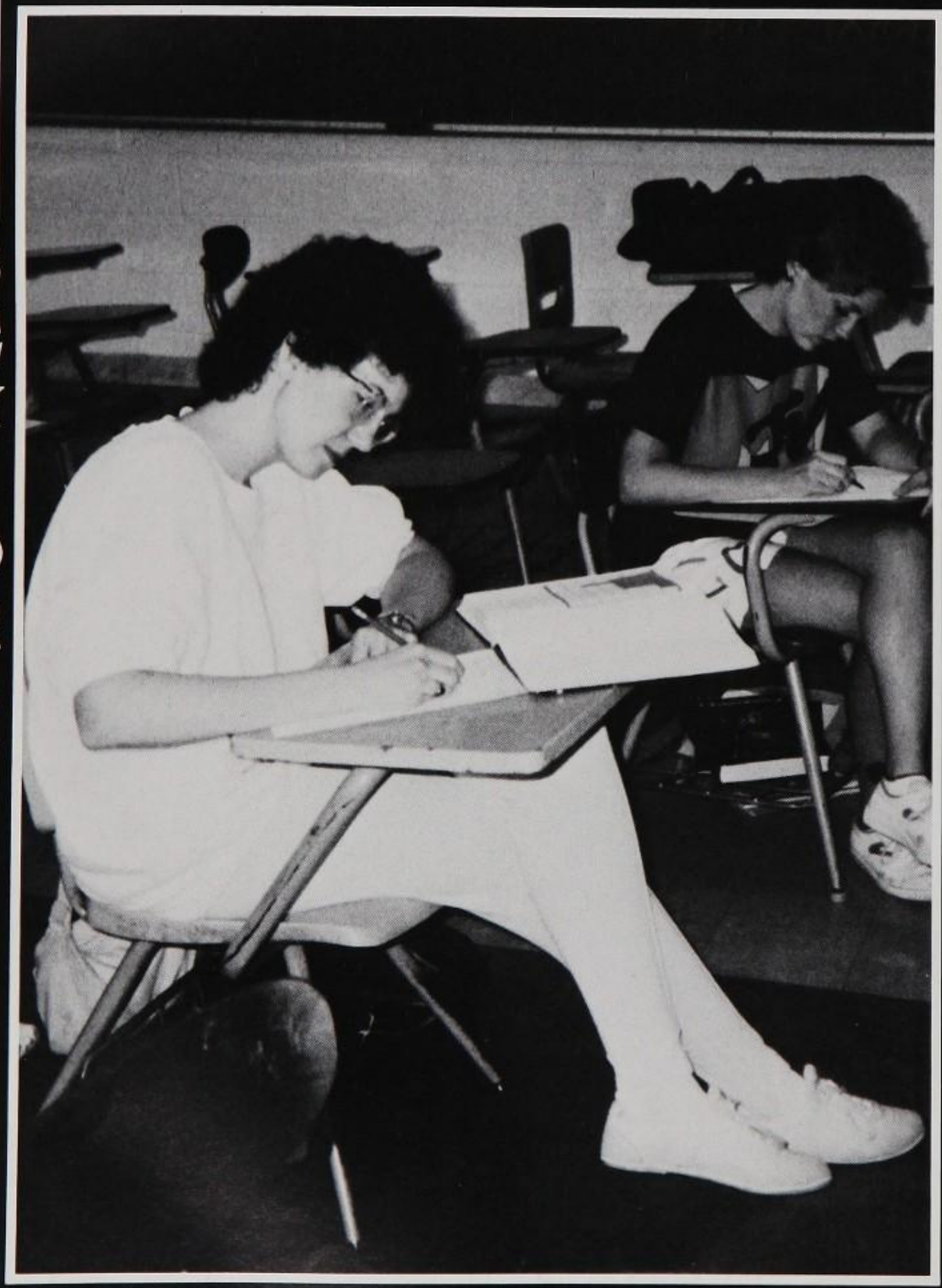
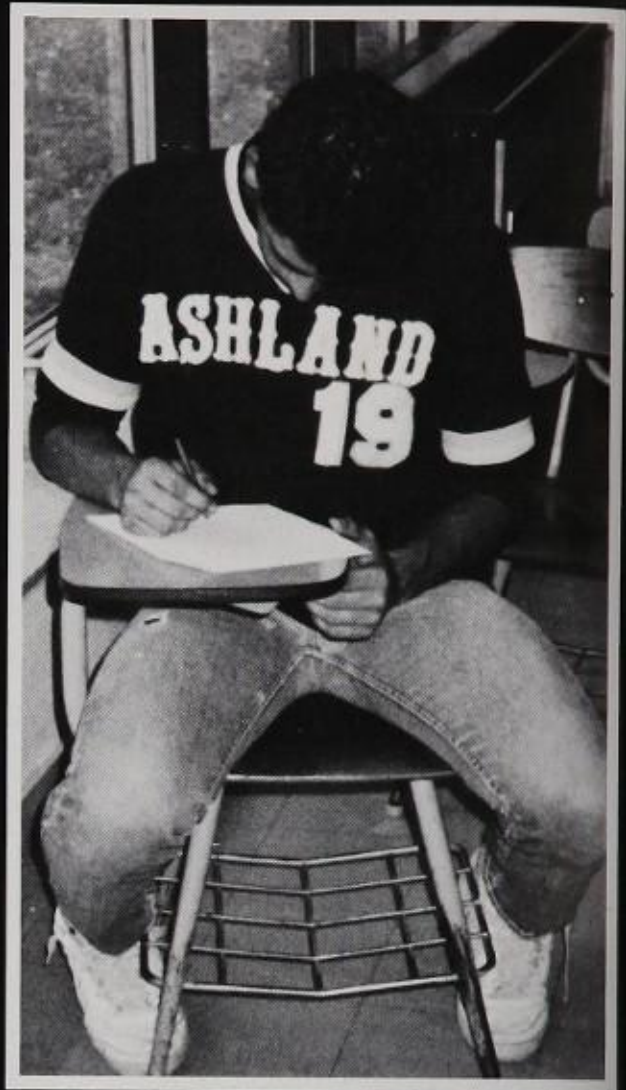
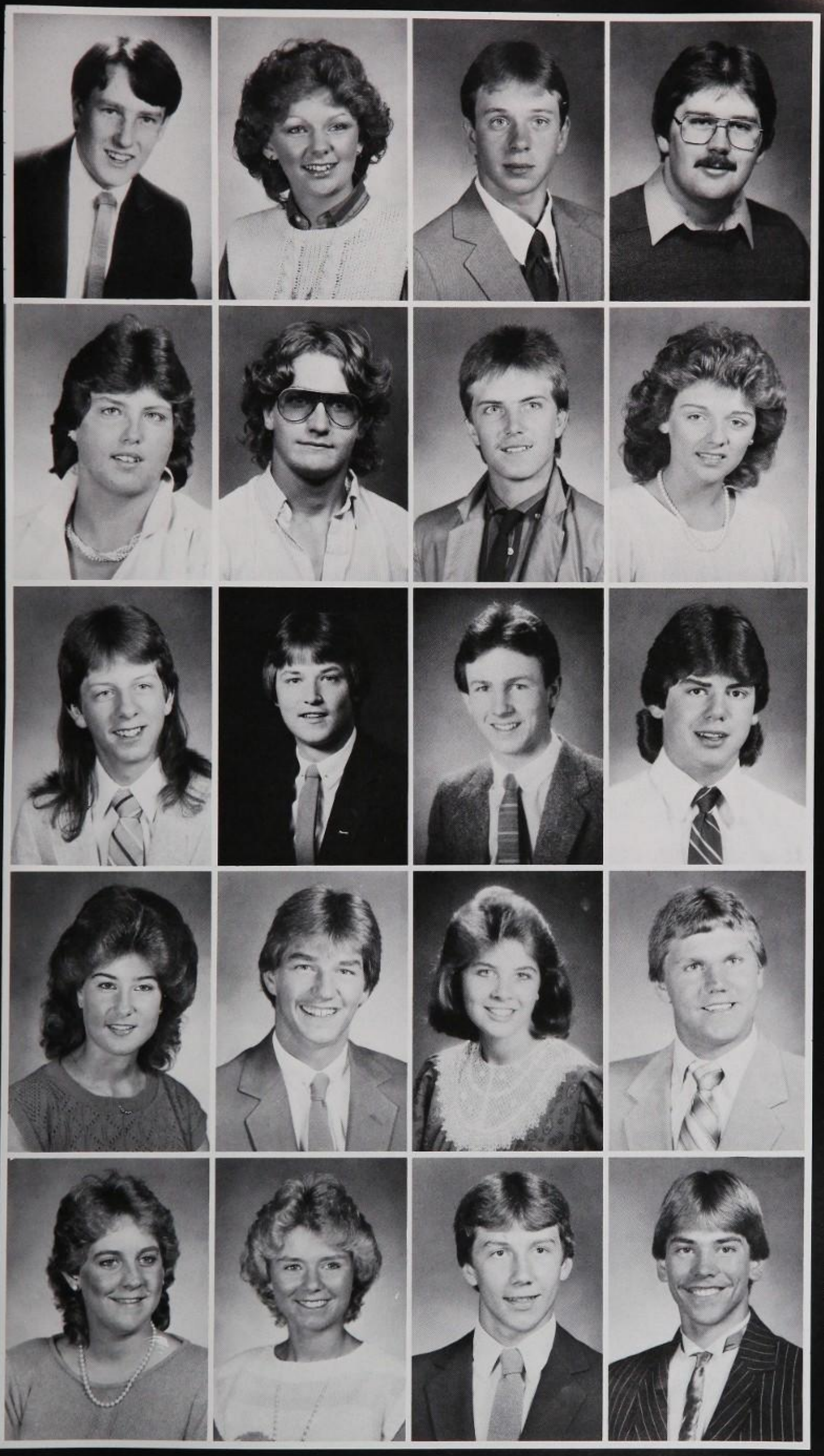


Concentrating of formulas and solutions are seniors Beth Turman and Beth Brown put the finishing touches on their chemistry exam.

Taking a test in his Chemistry 11 class before the seniors left for graduation practice is senior Tim Grizzle.



Examining the effect of light on an unknown substance, Mr. Kinner prepares for his afternoon chem lab.



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DEAN MATTHEWS

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TYLER McCALLISTER
MELISSA McCLAIN

MARK McDONALD
BILL McDOWELL
BILL McKINNEY
TIM McKNIGHT

ROBIN MEADE
MARK MILLER
STEPHANIE MILLER
JAMIE MOORE

MICHELLE MOORE
MISSY MOORE
JERRY MORRISON
WES MORRISON

Working at her co-op job, at the Third National Bank filing checks is senior Kecia Broughton.

Part time students get part time jobs

Eleven students were involved in an organization called Co-op this year. It was an opportunity for seniors to work part time and still go to school and get their credits. They were allowed to leave at eleven thirty to go to their job and then they usually worked until five o'clock. The Co-op Director was Anne Shrader whom helped the students in finding a job.

In order to take part in the Co-op program, one had to be a senior, they had to have had three business credits previously, and also they had to enroll in Business English and Communications their senior year.

Some of the businesses that provided training stations for Co-op students included: Ashland Oil, Inc., Putnam Insurance Agency, Kelley and Galloway, Parsons, Third National Bank, and Ashland Office Supply.

In order to get a job, they first have to submit a resume and go for an interview. The Co-op Director sent two or three of the most qualified students for each particular job. The businesses supplying the training station hired the applicant they wanted for the job, but the students were allowed to express their own opinion as to the type of job they would like.

Senior Dana Vinson sums up her year in Co-op by saying, "My job in the Petroleum Law Department at Ashland Oil has enabled me to become more familiar with our Legal System and has given me an opportunity to become more independent by earning my own spending money and paying my own way through nursing school. It was a lot of fun too, I got to meet a lot of important people and use office machines that I never even knew existed."

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JOEY MURPHY
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KRISTI NUNLEY
SCOTT NUNLEY

PATTY PAIGE
JEFF PALMETER
LORI PERKINS
ROSEANN PERRY

CINDY PITSENBERGER
SONJA PRICE
CINDY PRUITT
NOEL QUADE

DALE QUEEN
PHIL QUILLEN
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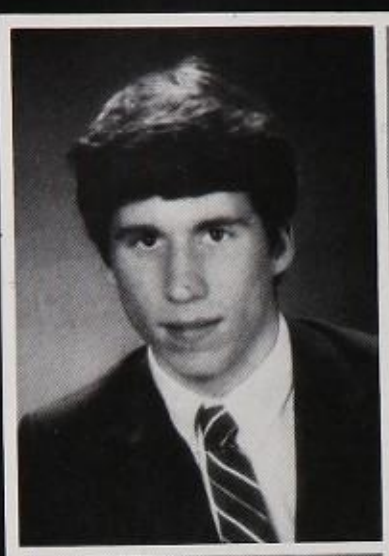

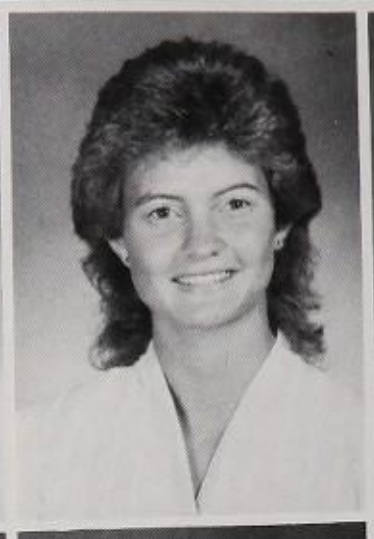

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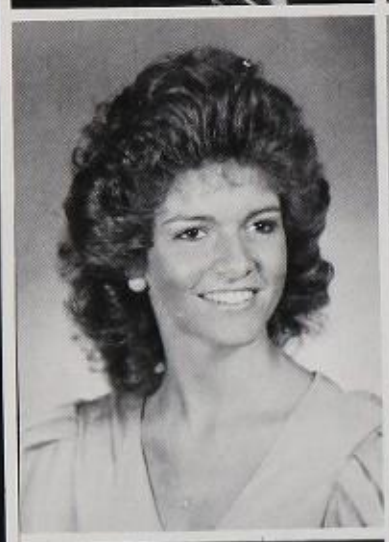

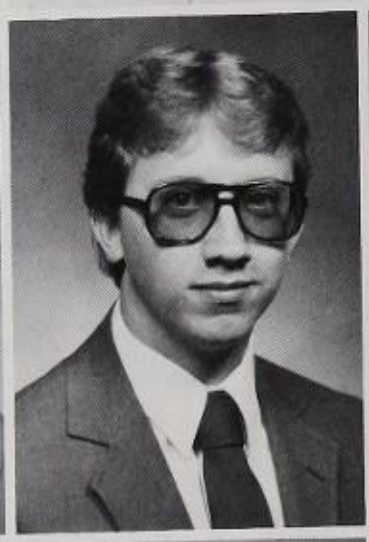

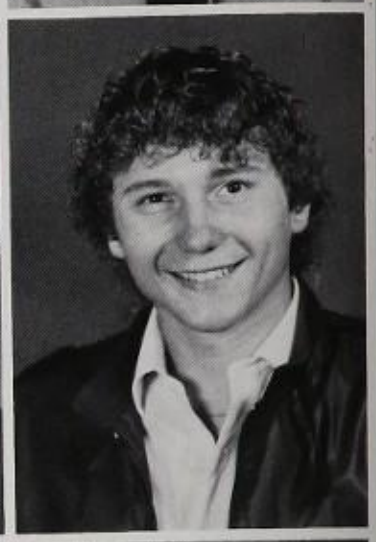

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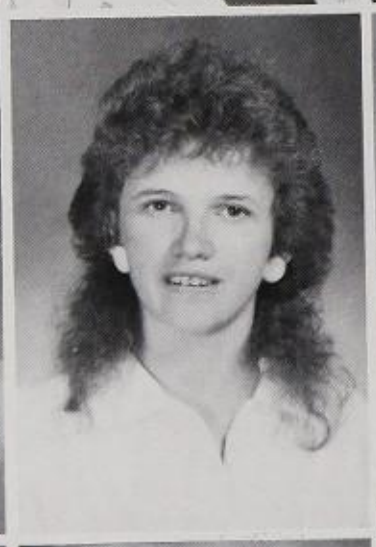

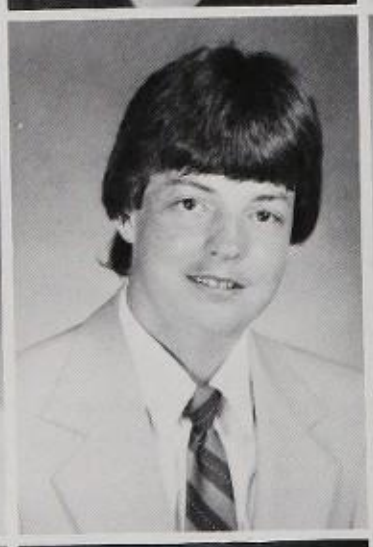

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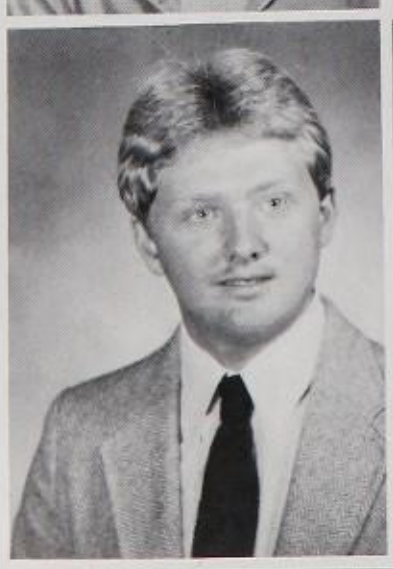

What a day at King's Island

The senior trip to Kings Island on May 23 started out as a dark, dreary, rainy day. As the buses pulled out of Blazer at around 7:00 a.m. the day looked like a total loss. The Spanish Club and members of Student Council also took their year-end trip on this day. About half-way to Kings Island, the sun was shining and the day turned out to be beautiful. It seemed that others were discouraged by the rain so lines were much shorter. The temperature was just right to be walking around Kings Island.

By the end of the day girls and guys had armfuls of stuffed animals and some were tired and wet from the rides. Senior Tony Rice said, "I think everybody had lots of fun. The only part I didn't enjoy was getting wet and freezing on the rides.

This was the second consecutive senior trip to Kings Island. It may have cost more than Carter Caves but as Senior Teresa Savage said, "It was a blast! I'm glad that they changed our senior trip and went to Kings Island instead of Carter Caves."

The Zephyr, the Enterprise and the Dodge'em three new rides were added. They seemed to be popular with Blazer students.

G. G. Riffe

Having fun with a "friend" on their senior trip to Kings Island are seniors Stacy Wilson, G. G. Riffe and Simone Steinsiek.

Sharing the big prize are seniors Scott Kirk and Kim Eby displaying their winnings from a round of ring toss.

Posing for the camera are seniors Tyler McCallister, Donna Davis, Suzanne Davis, Todd Childers, Rece Ryan and Kent Feazell.

Drying off from the thrilling water ride at Kings Island that promises that you will get wet are Mrs. Myers and Simone and Stacy.

SENIORS

MATT STEWART
BARBARA STOVER
JAMIE THOMAS
TOBEY TOLBERT

MARK TULLIS
BETH TURMAN
STEVE VANOVER
KEVIN VASVARY

DANA VINSON
KIM VOGEL
ROGER WAGONER
AMY WALTER

GRADY WALTER
MARY WALTER
BETH WALTERS
STEVE WARE

SUSAN WARNER
KIMBERLY WHEELER
KATHY WEIDEL
ANNE WILLIAMS

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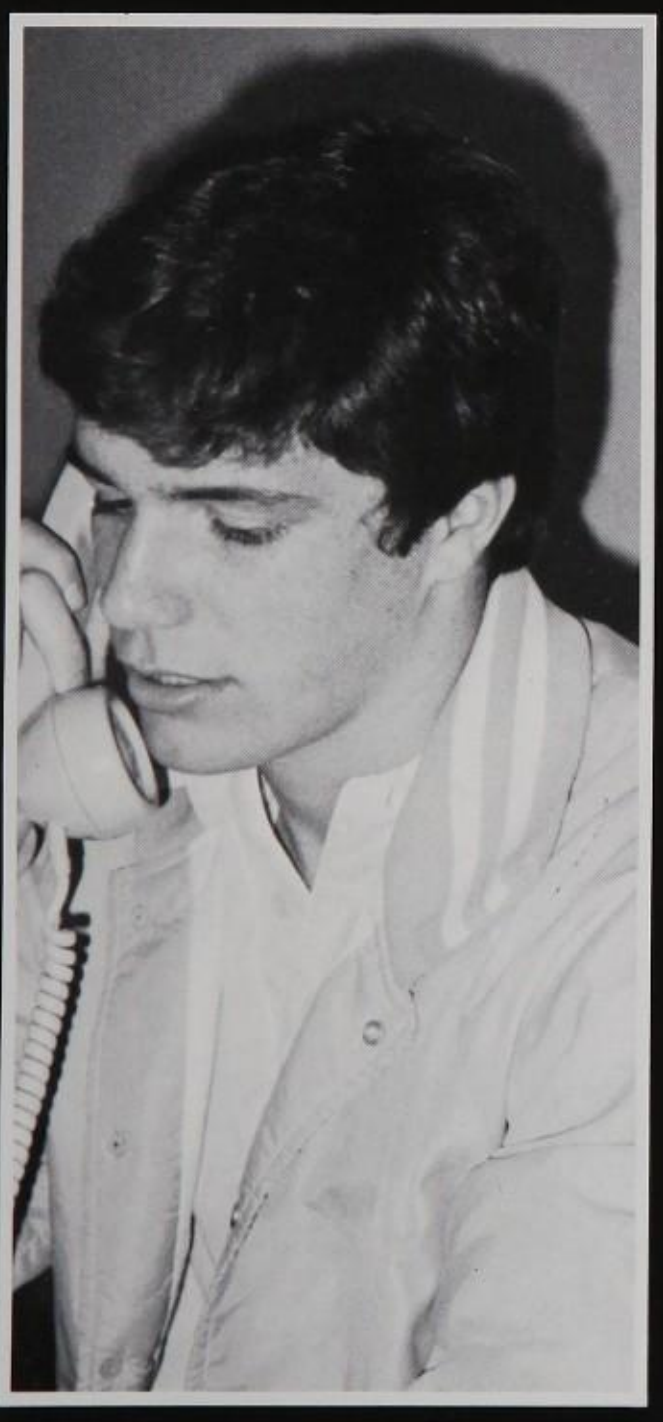
DAVID WRIGHT

PAUL WURTS
DAN WYSE
KATIE YOUNG



Relating a message to other buildings is one of the duties of a message center worker as senior Jeff Koontz has shown here.

Receiving a message from a staff member to relay to a student in class is senior Steve Vanover.

Handing absentee slips from Building 7 to senior message center worker Tim Nelson is senior Jeff Koontz.

Relays in the buildings?

During their junior year, many students look forward to taking a special assignment when filling out their schedules. Some were assigned a message center located in the middle of buildings, 2, 3, and 6.

Their job was to relay messages to students and teachers during class. They are also responsible for picking up absentee slips and taking them to the main office, and then taking absentee reports to each teacher. Also one may have to run various other errands for the teachers.

Building Six message center worker, Senior Dale Queen says, "I think being assigned to message center gives a person responsibility, and one can see what the teachers go through everyday. It's fun to help work in them because it gives me a break from classwork."

Senior Amy Walter, Building Two worker, says, "I think working in the message center is a lot of fun! It gives one a sense of responsibility and when the work was completed I had time to do some studying."

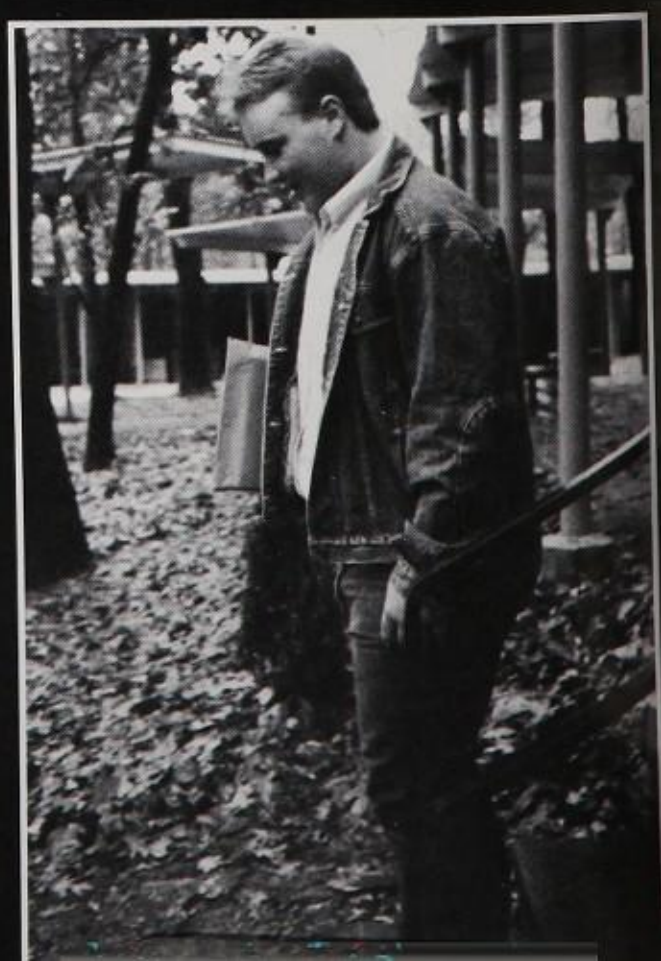
G. G. Riffe

Waiting for the signal from the field commander to begin playing at a halftime show is junior Scott Rigsby.

"My junior year has been a fun and exciting year. Now I am looking forward to my senior year!" said Ginger Moore.

Enjoying their time together at the Sweethearts Dance are juniors Scott Kiser and his date Shannon Klaiber.

Intently watching the basketball game is junior Kevin Savage and other members of the Pep band.



Strolling along on campus between classes and enjoying the scenery is junior Dwight Blair.

Getting Ready!

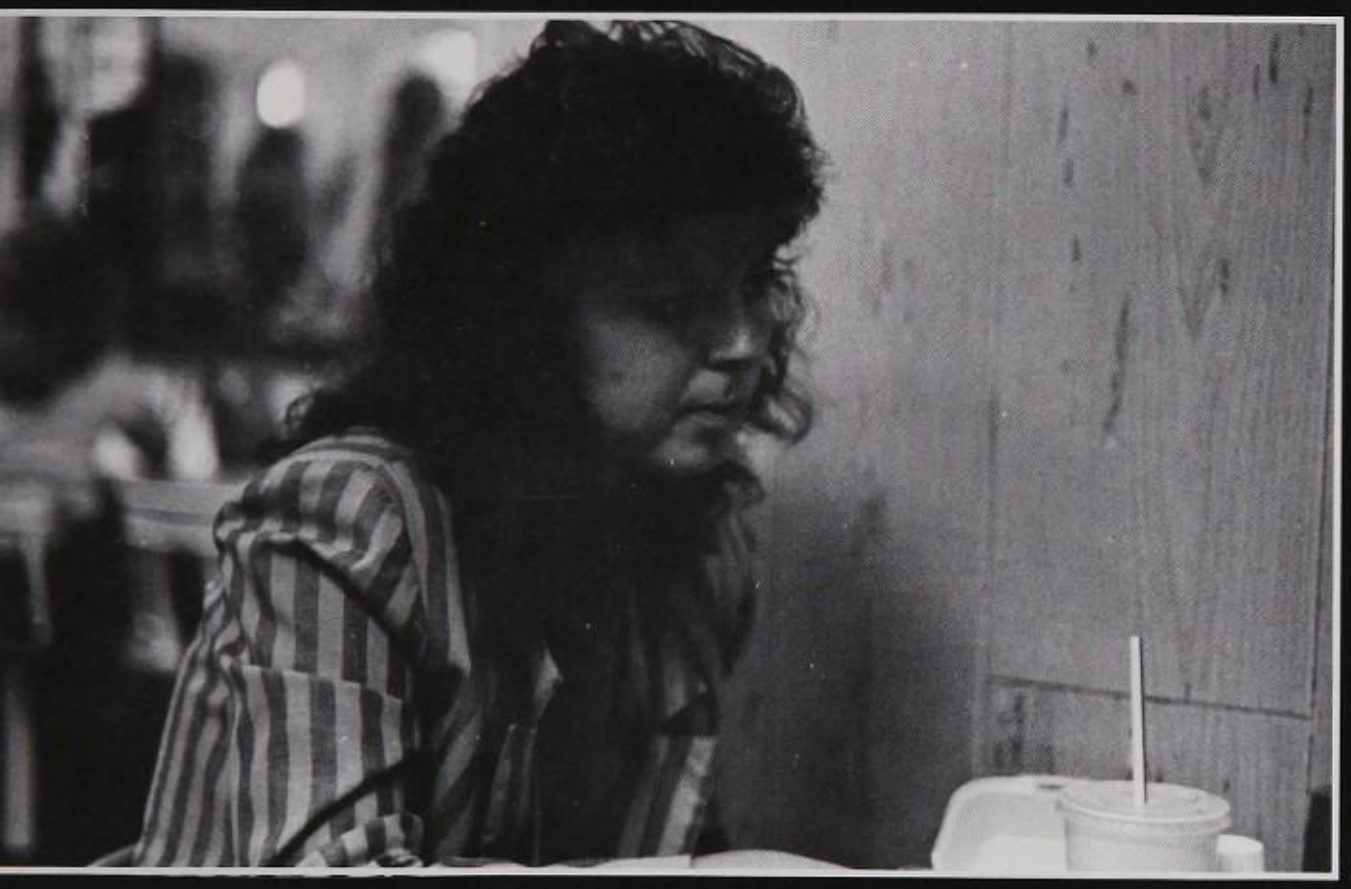
JUNIORS

In preparing for the 1986 Prom the Junior class stayed busy raising money by sponsoring the Halloween Dance in October. This was a great fund raiser because not only did the Junior class earn money, everyone who attended had a good time. The Junior class was not as lucky with the cookie sales which crumbled. The class officers and prom committee have spent many hours in planning the prom, since this is their main event of the year.

Kim Eby

Dancing to the upbeat music at the Sweethearts Dance are juniors Billie Kelley and Robin Brown.

Taking time out to eat lunch at a Yearbook Convention held in Lexington is junior Jane Thompson.

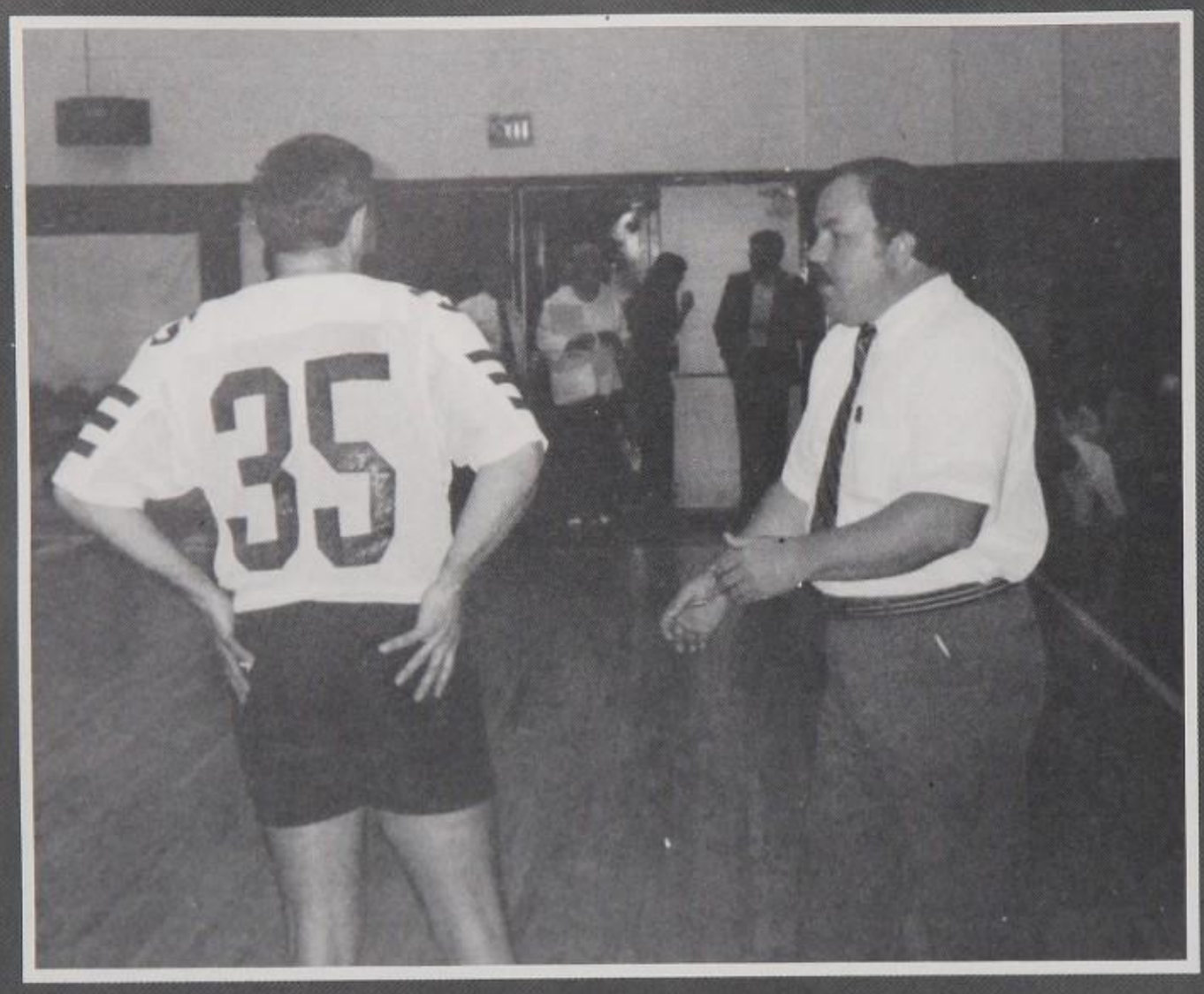


Washing dishes after preparing a home economics dish is junior Lisa Fahrson during her 6th period class.

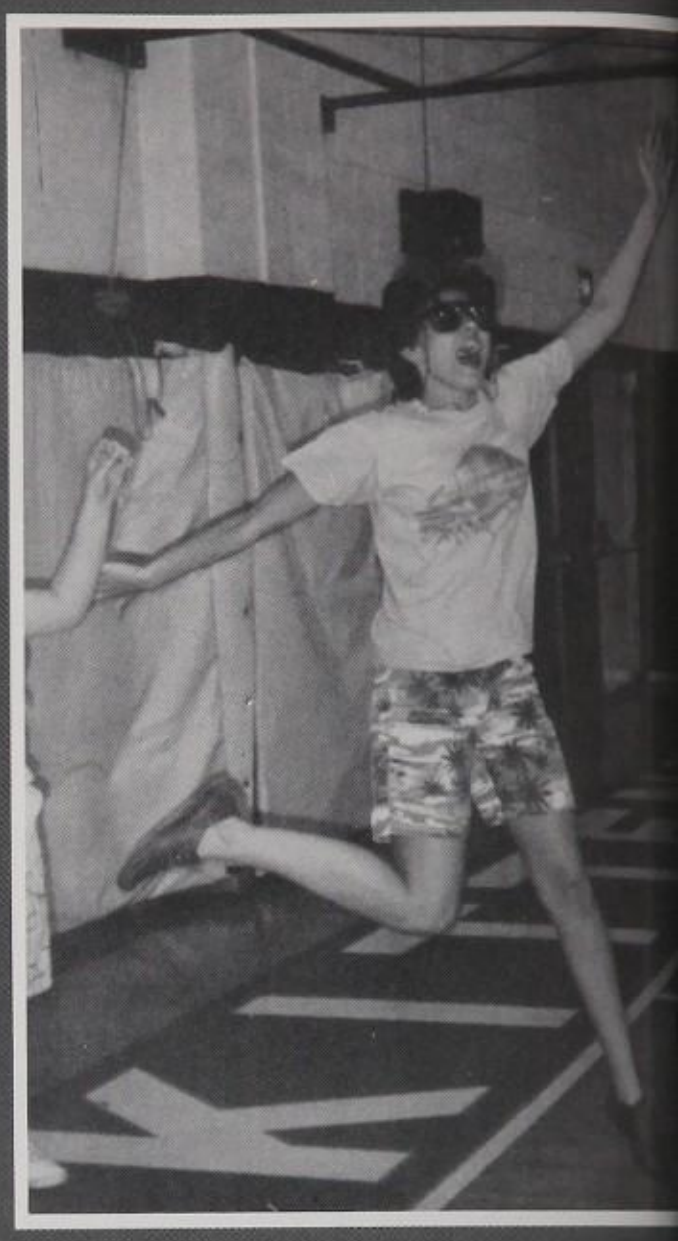
Taking time for a refreshing drink of cold water before class begins is junior Steve Brackman.

Junior officers - President - Kim Rodman, Secretary - Robin Brown, Vice-President - Jerri Webb, and Treasurer - Kim Childers.

Giving a helpful hint to aid in their victory is Mr. Fraley, coach of the Faculty to Mr. Williams who played for the Faculty.



Cheering for the Junior boys is junior Billie Kelley dressed in her uniform of Jams and sunglasses.



JUNIORS

KRISTI ADKINS
MATT ASPDEN
DANA AUSBUN
MICHELLE BACK
TONYA BAER

ROBERT BARKER
DWIGHT BLAIR
KIM BLAIN
STEVE BLAKE
MORI BOGGS

LAURA BOOCKS
STEVE BRACKMAN
MIKE BROWN
ROBIN BROWN
TRACEY BURCHETT

Juniors and Faculty put on a Show

Striving to get the jump ball are Jim Woolery from the Junior boys team and Coach Haberlin from the Faculty team.

On April 4, the Friday before Spring Break the annual Junior Boys against the Faculty Basketball Game took place. It was sponsored by Spanish Club, Senior Class and Spring Sports. They charge a dollar to get in and it took place during sixth period.

It was an exciting game even though the Faculty won the game by a large margin. But the most important fact was that everyone had fun. Something done this year was that there were cheerleaders, for both the Faculty and Junior class. The Faculty cheerleaders had on a maroon and white "A" on their shirts and sweaters and the Junior cheerleaders had on Jams and sunglasses.

Junior cheerleader Cathy Kovar stated after the game, "It was really fun. I think we all really enjoyed it, especially cheering against the teachers. It's just too bad we lost the game."

Junior basketball player, Jim Woolery also quoted after the game, "The Faculty-Junior game was great; except that I feel the Faculty should be from Blazer only. The Juniors or any other class should not have to play the Ashland Coaching Staff from elementary school on up. This makes the game less competitive.

Cathy Stavros

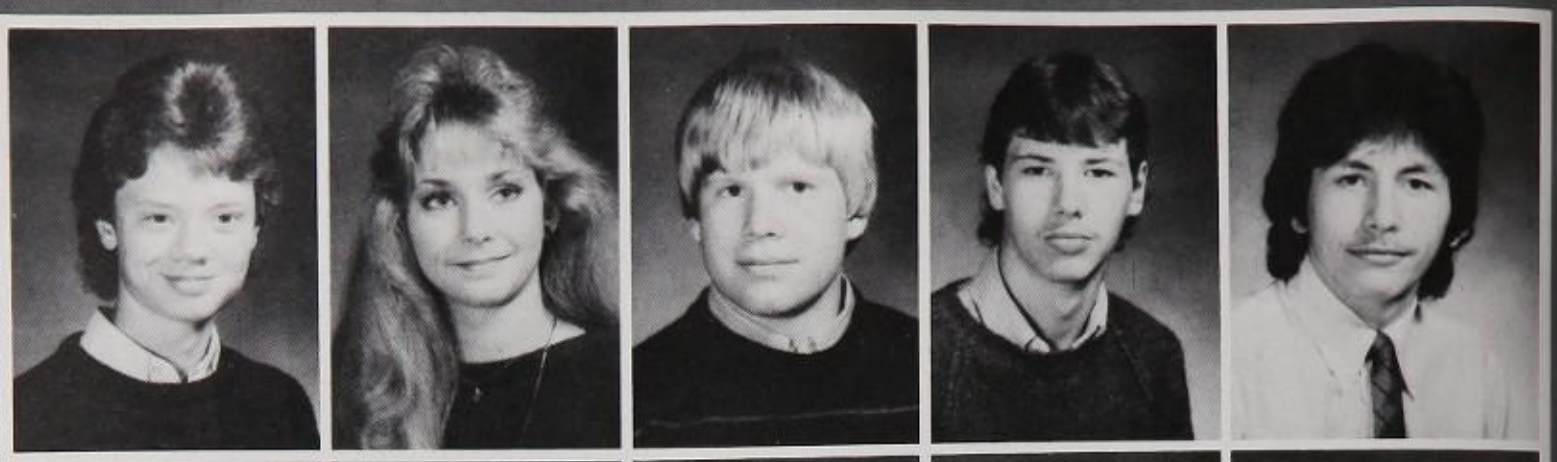
JUNIORS

STEVE CAHAL
DONNA CALLIHAN
STEPHANIE CARROLL
KEVIN CASSIDY
DAVID CASSITY

DAVID CASTLE
SHANNON CASTLE
KIM CHILDERS
ALISHA CLARK
LORAINIA CLARK

DARICE COLE
MITZI COTTLE
ALLISON COOPER
TIFANIE CONLEY
BILL COUNTS

JEFF CRACE
JAQUE CREECH
JOEY CREECH
JEFF CROOKS
TODD CUMPSTON



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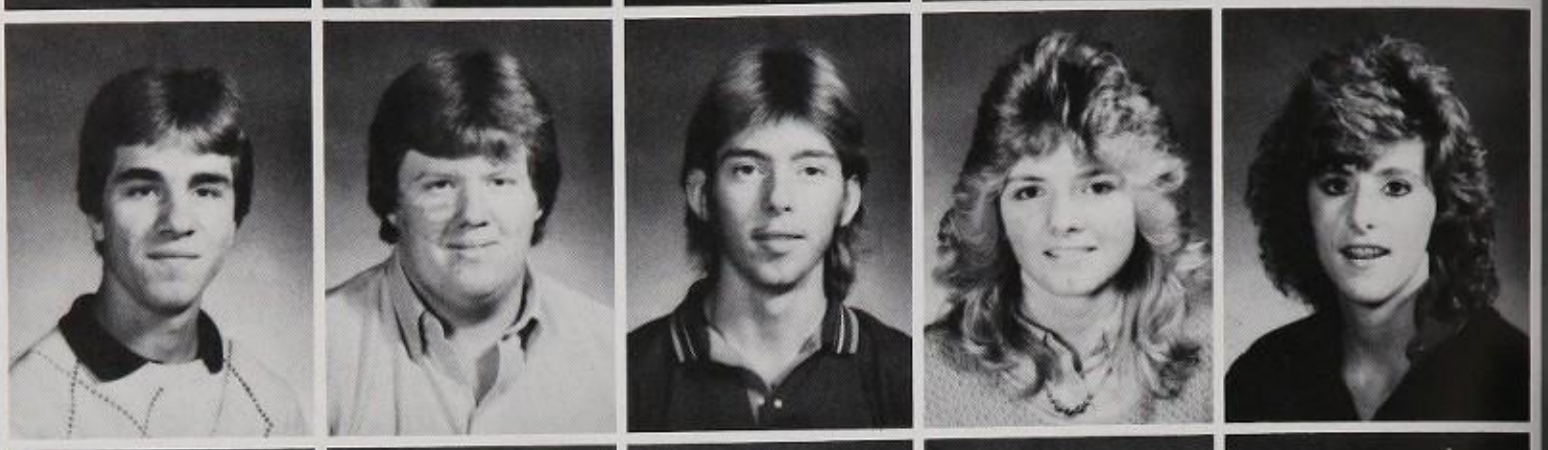

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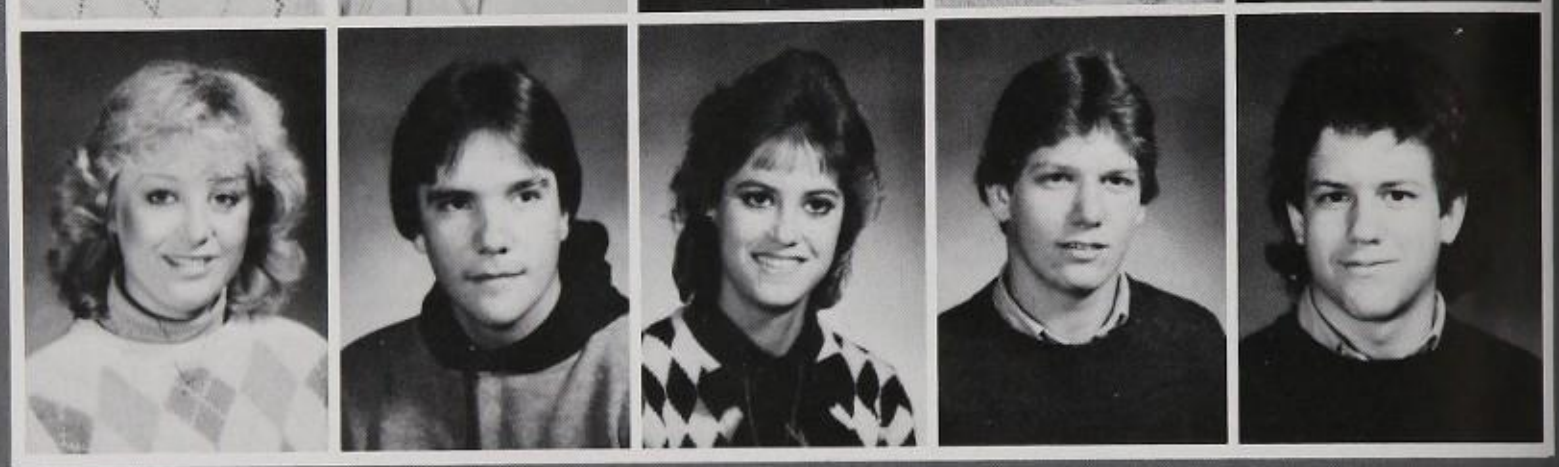

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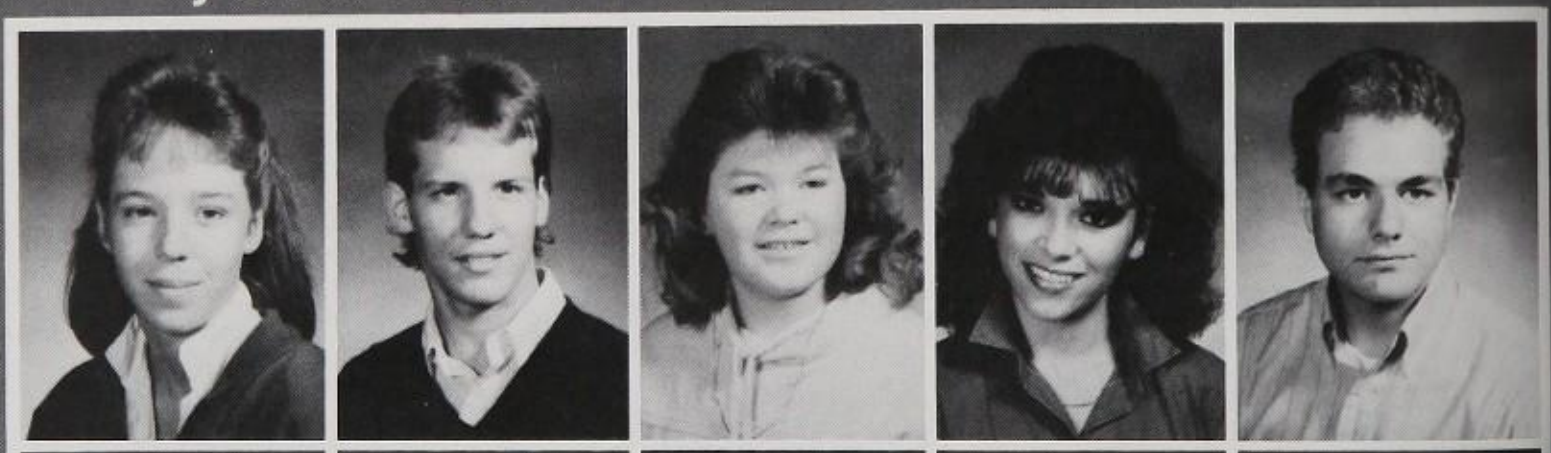
CYNDIE EVANS
JONATHAN EVANS



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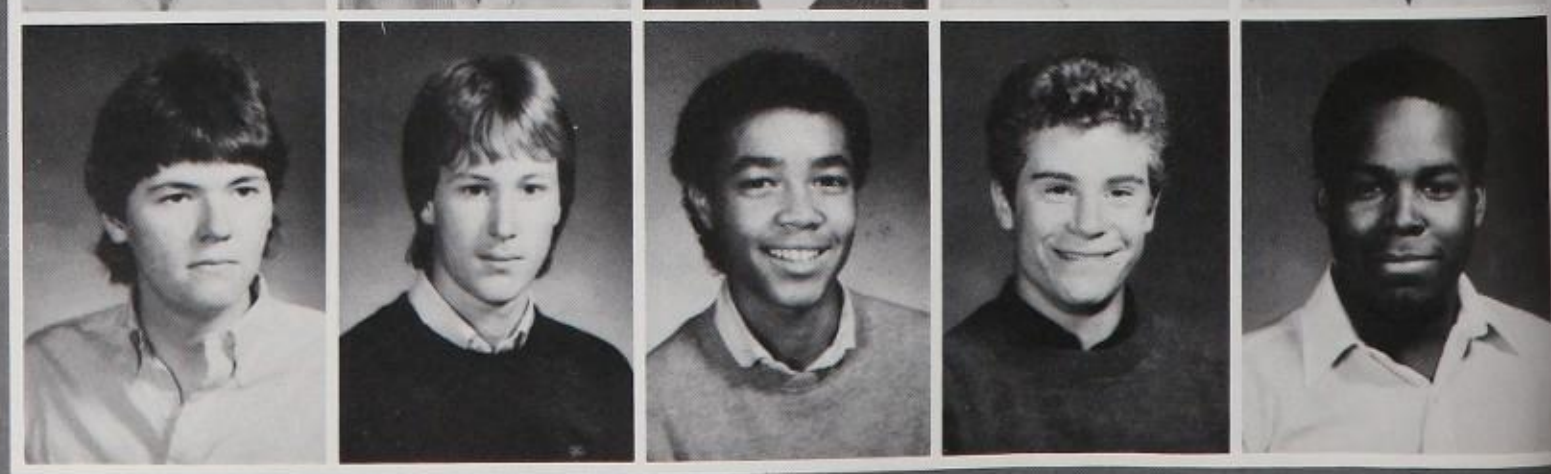


One Year for Fund Raising ..... One Month for Candy Sales

Many clubs participated in various fund raisers. Since candy could only be sold during the month of November many clubs had to find other ways of raising funds. Some of the clubs that sold candy in the month of November were Spanish Club, French, Club, German Club and Young Historians.

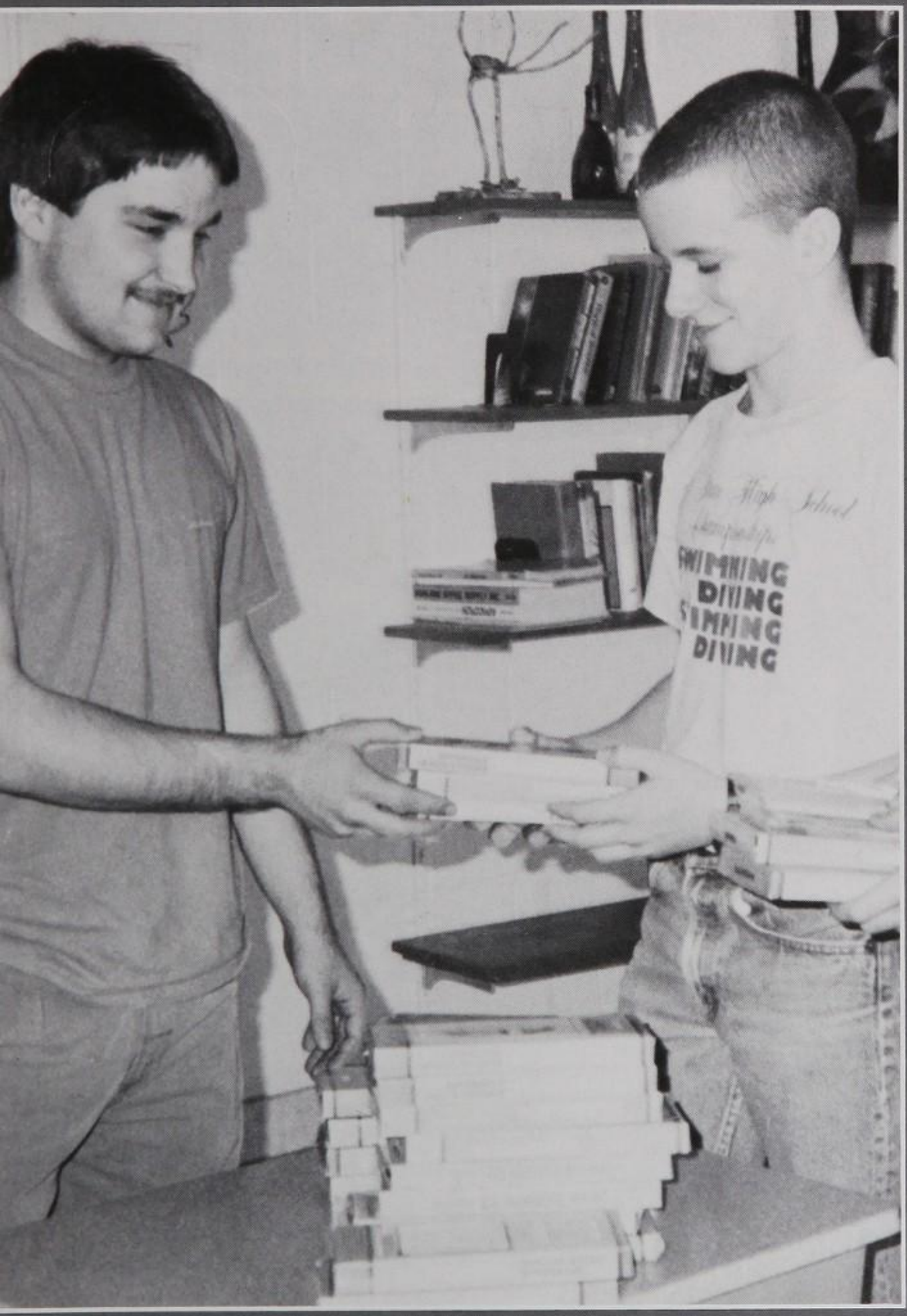
Other clubs found other ways of raising money such as: the Junior Class and the Senior Class sold Cookies and Brownies to go towards Prom and the Senior Trip. The Girl's Basketball Team sold Cookie Pies to raise money for practice sweats. FBLA sold jewelry to raise money toward their competition this year.

When asking two students what they thought about the different methods of fund raising. "It was a lot of hard work but it paid off when we got our new sweats. Cookie Pies were something new and different rather than selling candy bars," Junior Robin Brown said, a member of the Kittens Basketball Team.

Cindy Pitsenberger, president of Spanish Club explain, "Because we only get one month to sell candy, Spanish Club has had to look for more creative ways to raise money."

This shows how the different clubs pulled together and with the Blazer School Spirit found many other ways of raising funds.

Cathy Stavros



Turning in money to Mrs. Davis from Ski Club sales of brag books and calenders is junior Renee Hall

Getting a candy bar before class begins is junior Mitzi Cottle from junior Kim Childers.

Receiving his thermometer from Todd Childers to sale for Ski Club is Freshmen Jason Gannon.

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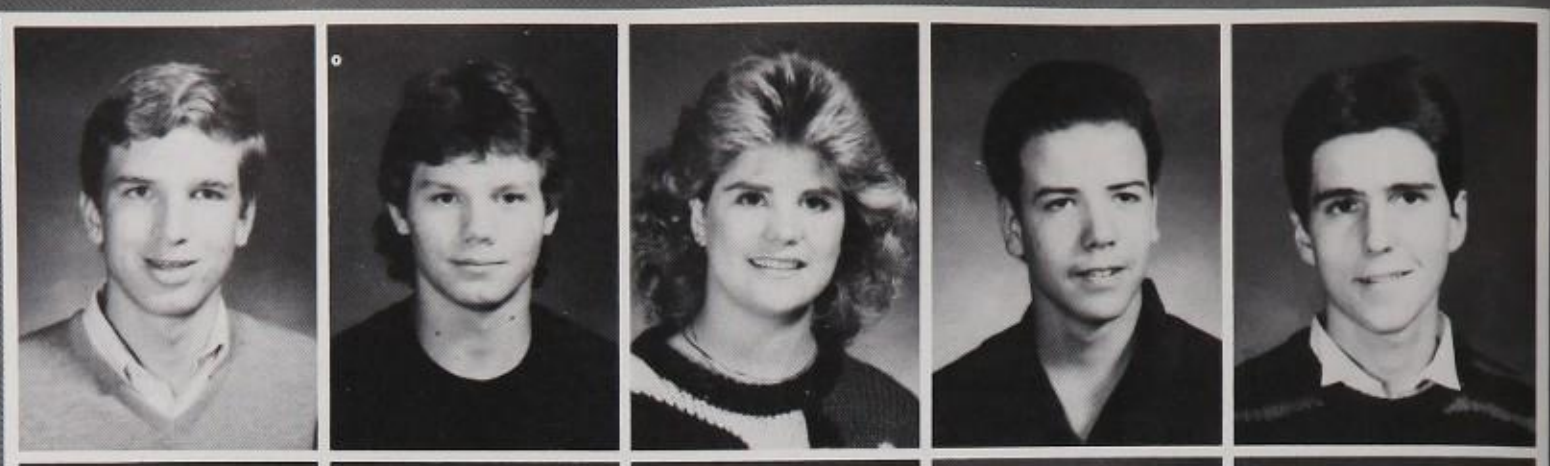
HEATH GILBERT
BETH GOSSETT
ERIC GRAVES
TIM GRAY



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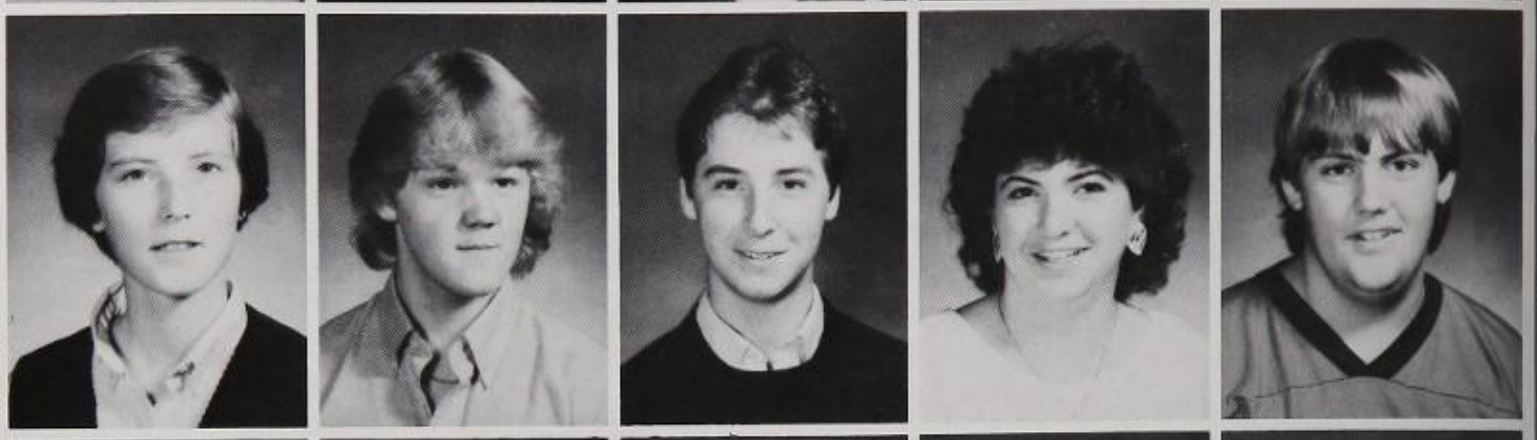

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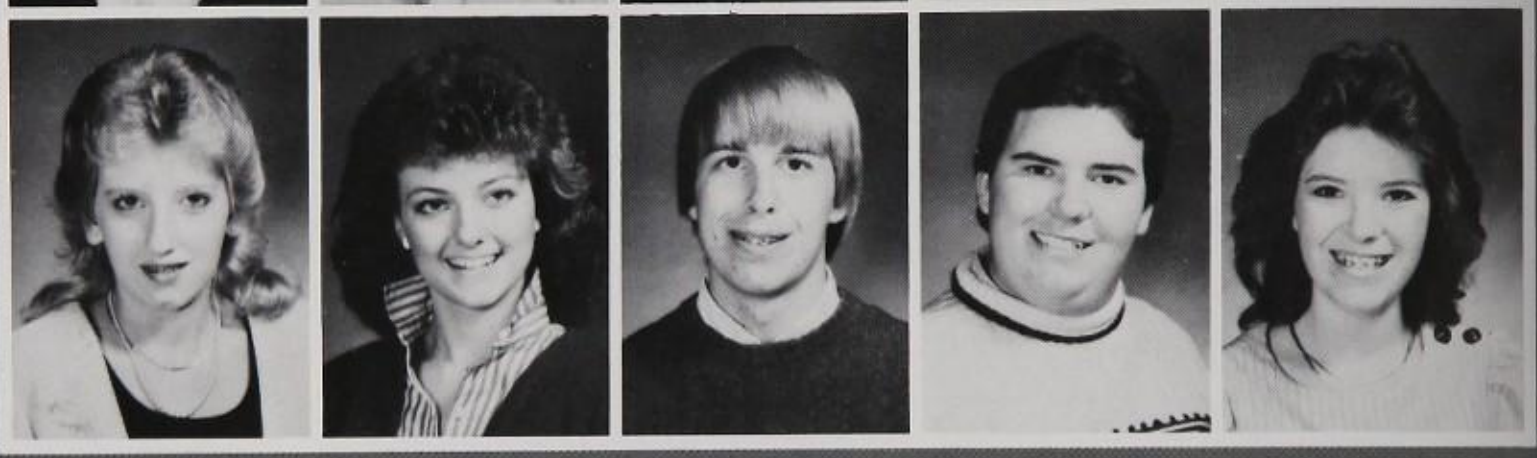

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TRACI HAYNER
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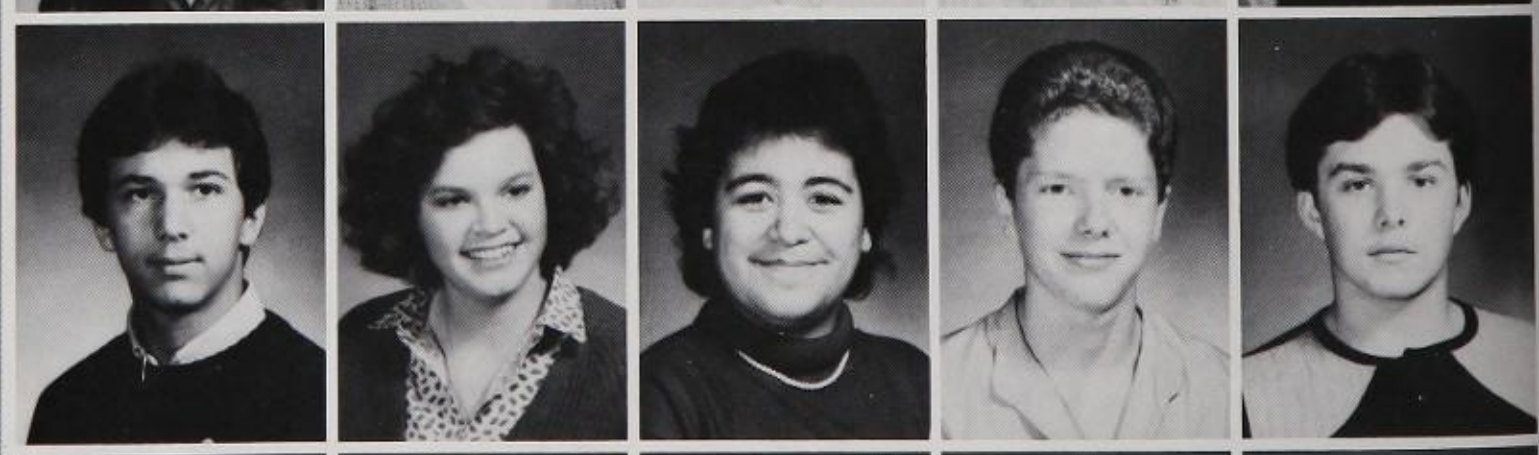
WILLIAM HENSLEY
JAY HERN



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PATTI HUFFMAN
PATRICIA HUGHES
TAMMY HUNTER
CARL HUPP

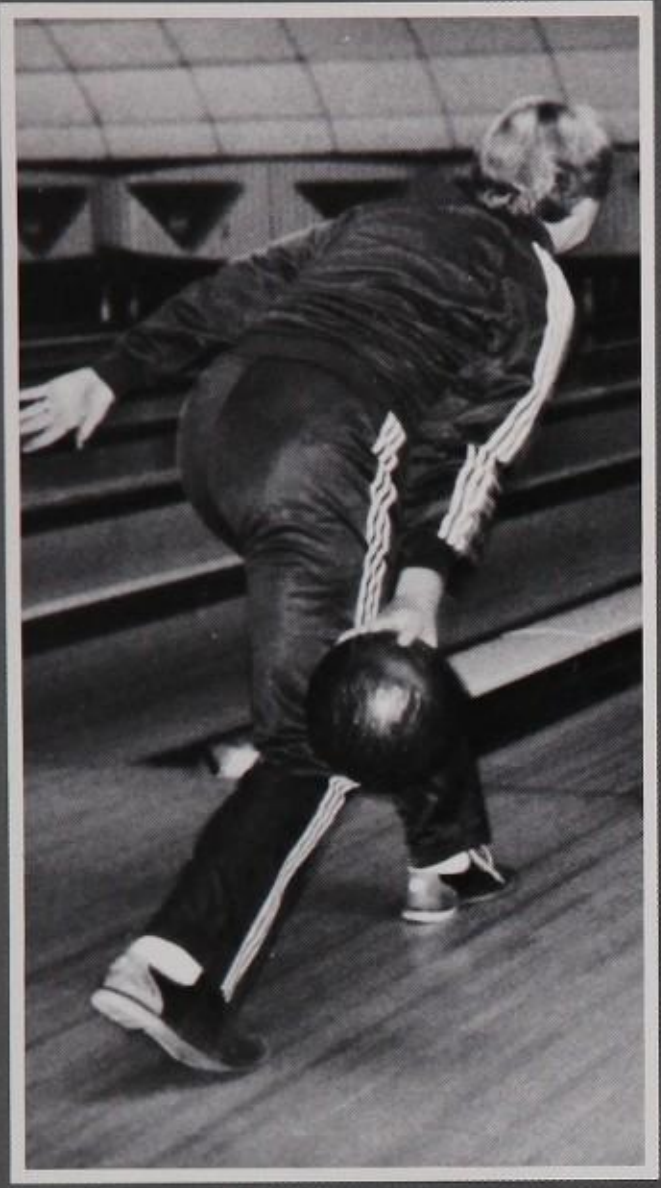
Gym Class Shuffle

A third and fourth year gym class was shuffled about to various places for an outside view of sports. Sites that were planned to visit included Paradise Bowling alley, Mr. Billiards, the YMCA, the tennis courts, and roller skating.

Mrs. Linda Meyers was in charge of organizing the trips and stated, "The physical education program has a very diversified curriculum. A part of this curriculum I like the most is the Lifetime Sports. In this area, students are transported to community resources." Mrs. Meyers was responsible for arranging transportation to and from, collecting fees, and calling the places before hand.

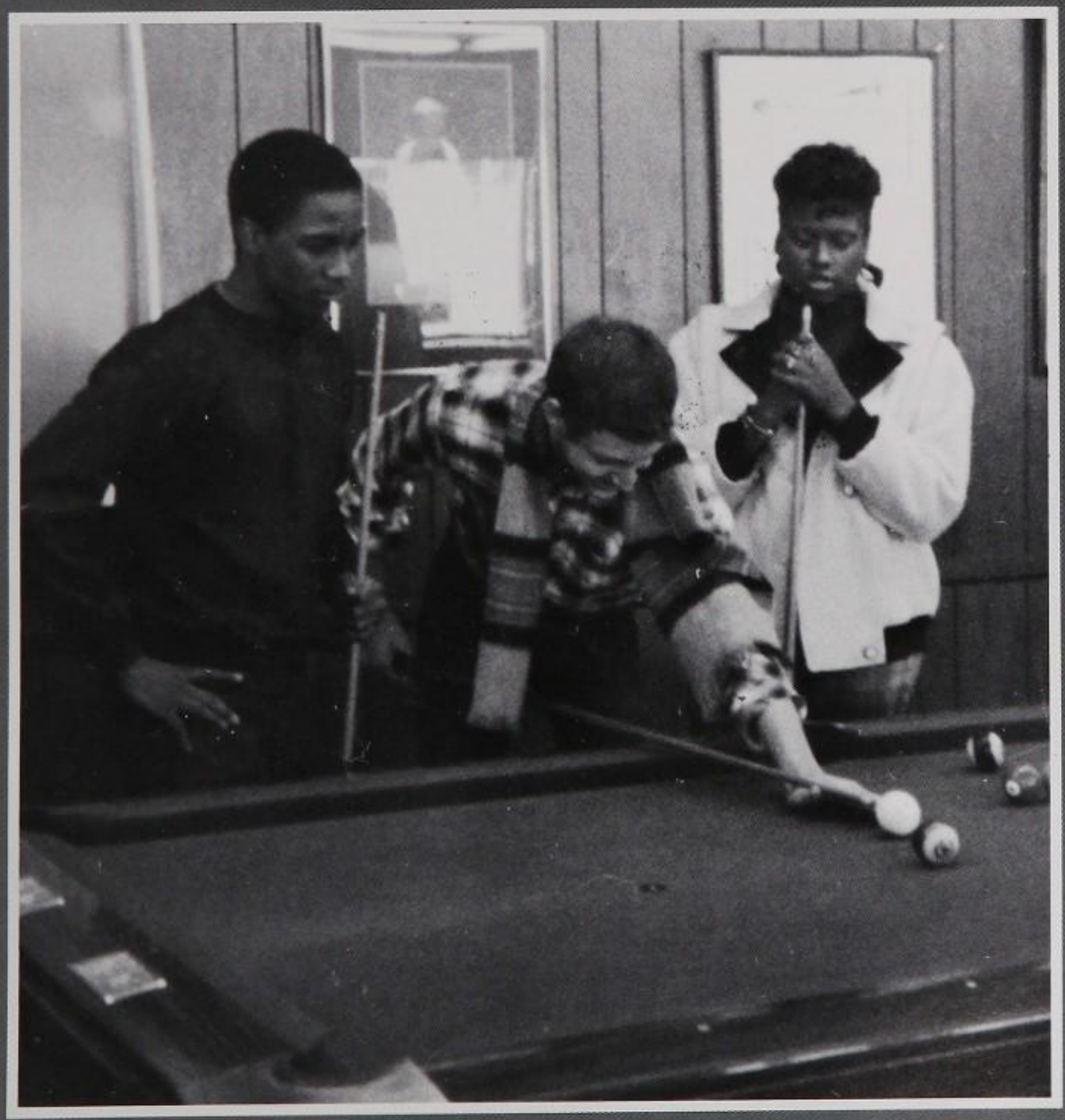
Although the classes weren't able to go to the YMCA or roller skating, it seemed that they enjoyed the trips. Senior Robin Meade said, "It made gym class a lot more fun than just the usual gym activities."

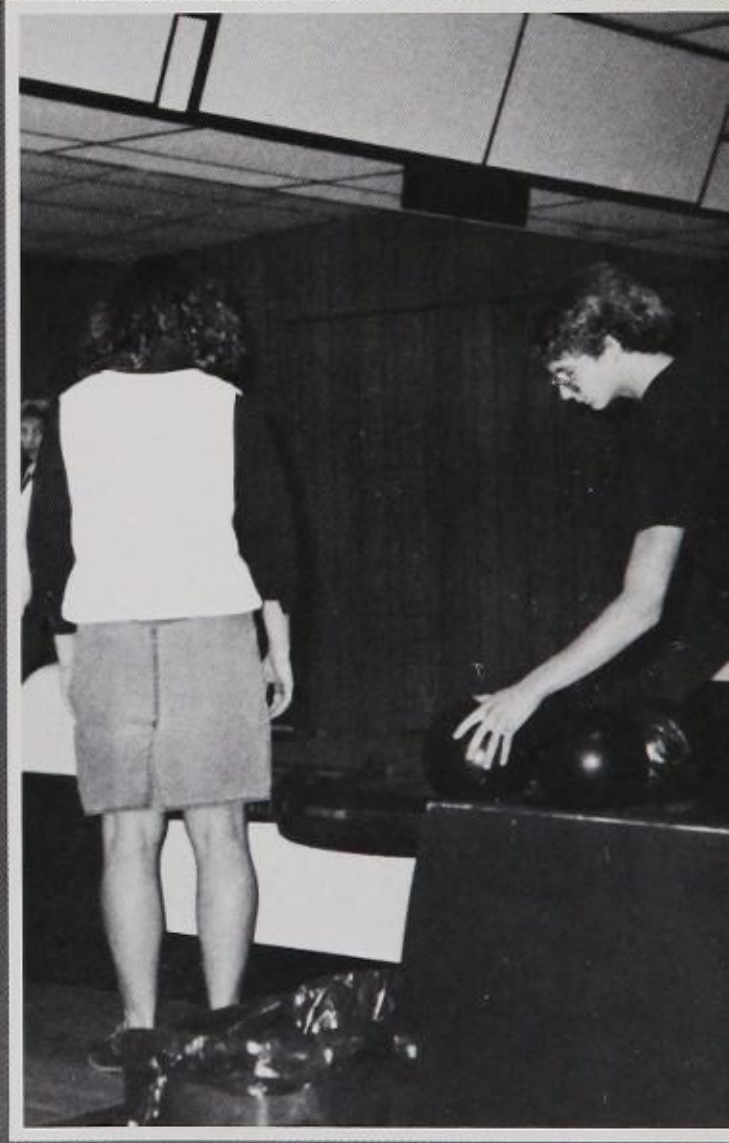
G. G. Riffe



Throwing the ball down the alley to get a spare during a gym class at the bowling alley is Mrs. Meyers.

Lining up a complicated shot during a gym class at Mr. Billiard's is senior David Henderson.





Picking the ball that junior Kevin Cassidy thinks will allow him to roll a strike proves to work.

Demonstrating the methods of Minnesota Fats to seniors Todd Henry and Barbara Scott is senior Kevin Vasvary.

Howling Dance

The Halloween Dance was sponsored by the Junior Class and took place on October 26 at 8:00. It was a success for the Junior Class and the money will be used toward this year's Prom. The gym lobby was decorated with orange and black streamers. Pumpkins were everywhere and the theme was Halloween '85. The music and lights were supplied by Drexel McCalvin.

"The dance was a blast, I wished it didn't have to end at all." Junior Kelly Patterson said after the dance. Freshman Mike Rodman said, "I thought the dance was really fun. It looked like everybody was really having a good time and also we should have more of them."

Before the Halloween dance ended at 11:00 there was a prize given on the best costume. People were dressed as; clowns, a nun, guys dressed up as women, a flasher, Madonna look-a-likes, Army G.I. Joe men, punk rockers, a pantomimer and Rambo. The winner of the prize went to Senior Greg Harvey who dressed up as a wolf. When asked where he got the idea for his costume he said, "I got the idea for dressing like a wolf because the night before I saw the movie "Silver Bullet" Sometimes you just have to say, "what the Heck!"

Cathy Stavros

Howling up a storm and choking Mrs. Curnuttle in the Blazer Library is senior Greg Harvey. He won first prize in the best costume contest at the Halloween Dance.

SHEILA INGRAM
ANGIE JOHNSON
CODY JOHNSON
JACK JOHNSON
SUSAN JONES

ERIC JORDAN
TRISH JORDAN
JAMIE KEATON
SHANNON KEES
BILLIE KELLEY

JASON KELLEY
TRACEY KELLEY
KRISTEN KELLY
EDDIE KINNER
SCOTT KISER

JUNIORS

SHANNON KLAIBER
JOYCE KNIPP
MERINA
KORKIAKOSKI
CATHY KOVAR
KIM LAYMAN

VALERIE LFAVER
TODD LOVINS
MARY LOWE
JULIE LUNSFORD
ROBBY MAHAN

HOWIE MARTIN
RITA MARZETTI
STEVE MASON
JENNIFER MAYNARD
DENNIS
MCCALLISTER

CAVAN McCANN
SONIA McKENZIE
TRACY McKENZIE
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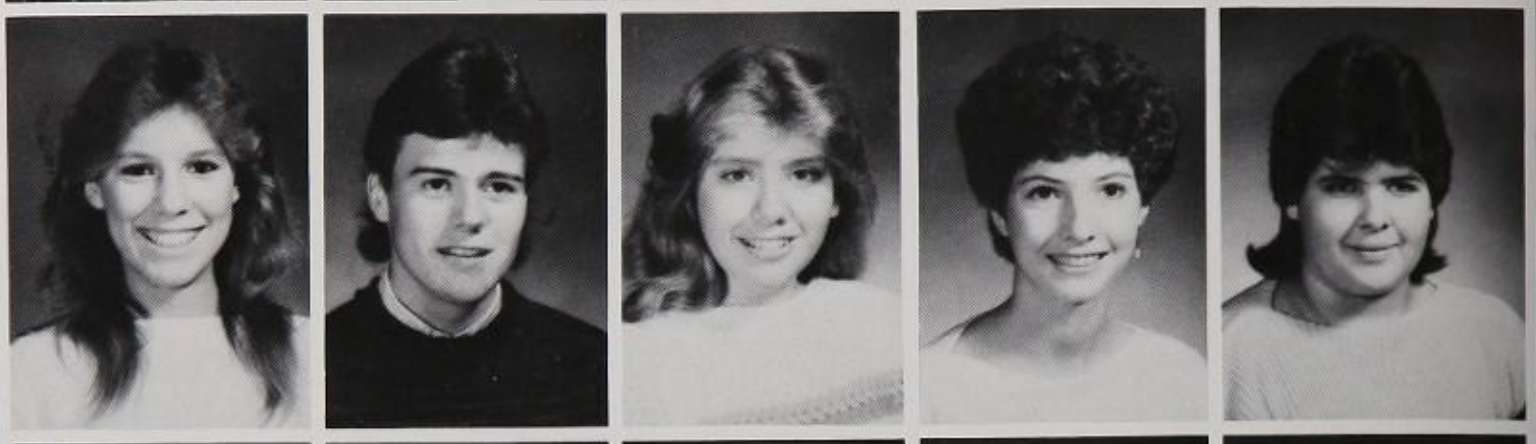

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GINGER MOORE
RACHEL MOORE
HEATHER MORGAN
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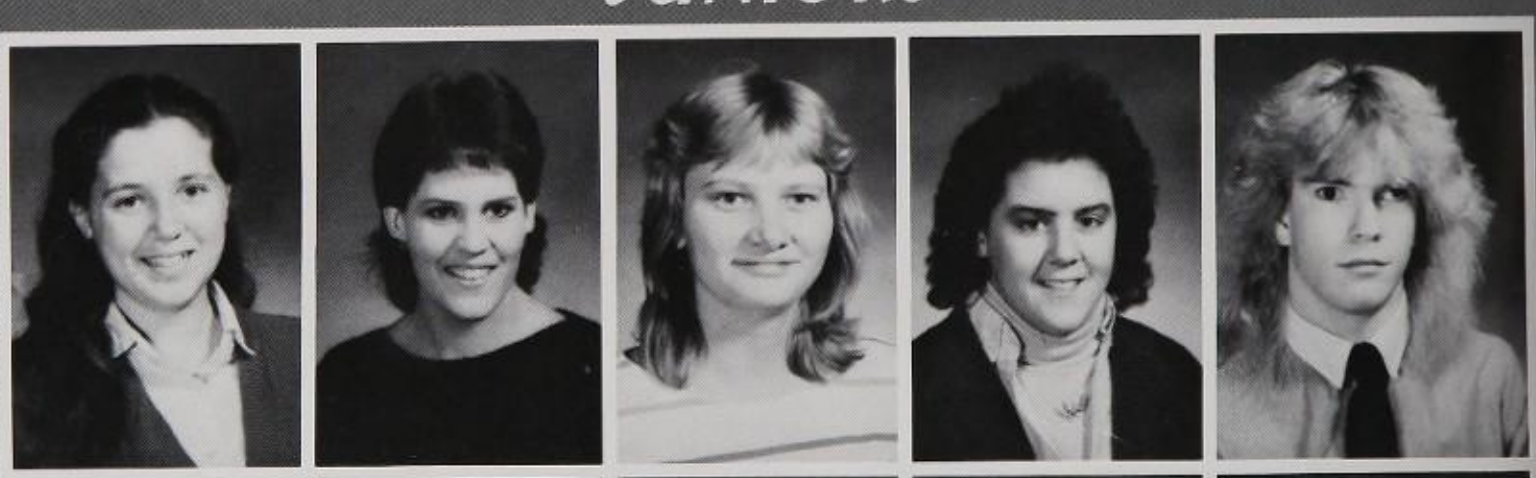

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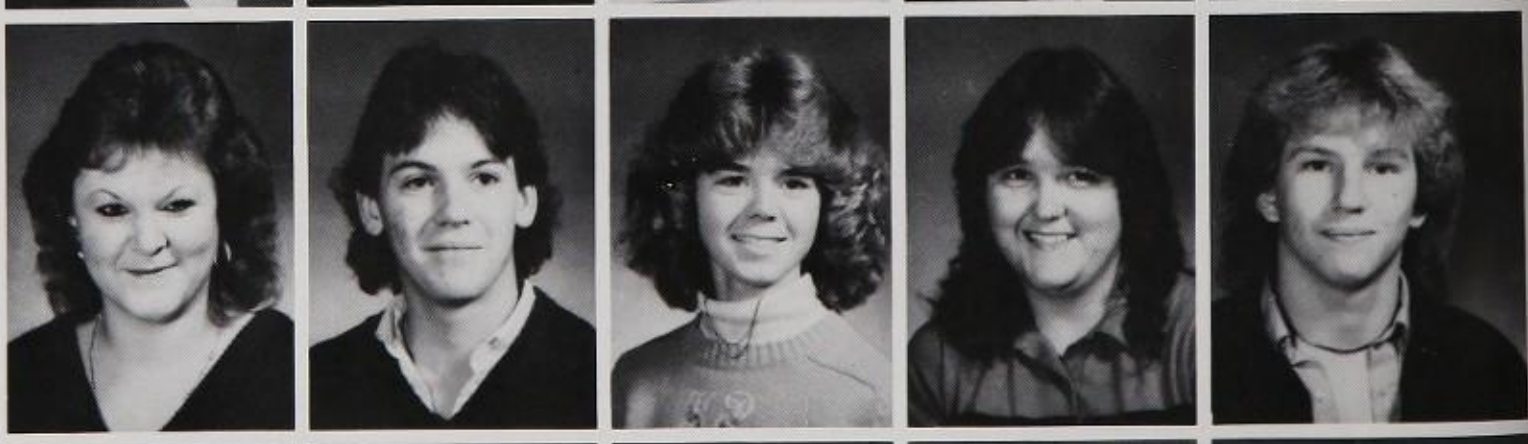
ROB PERKINS



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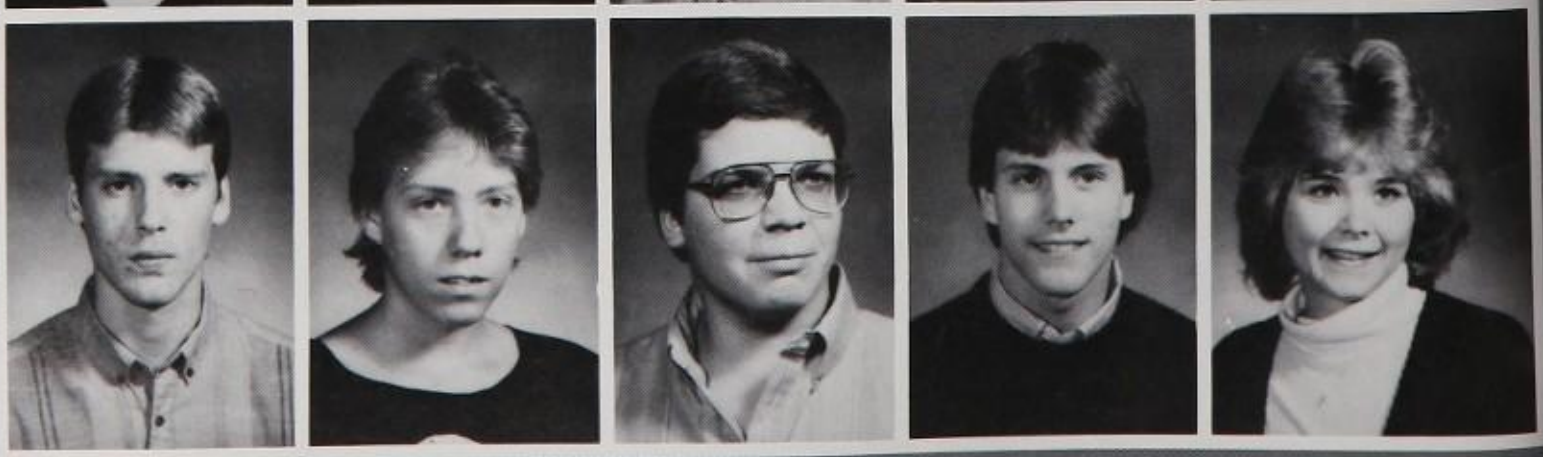
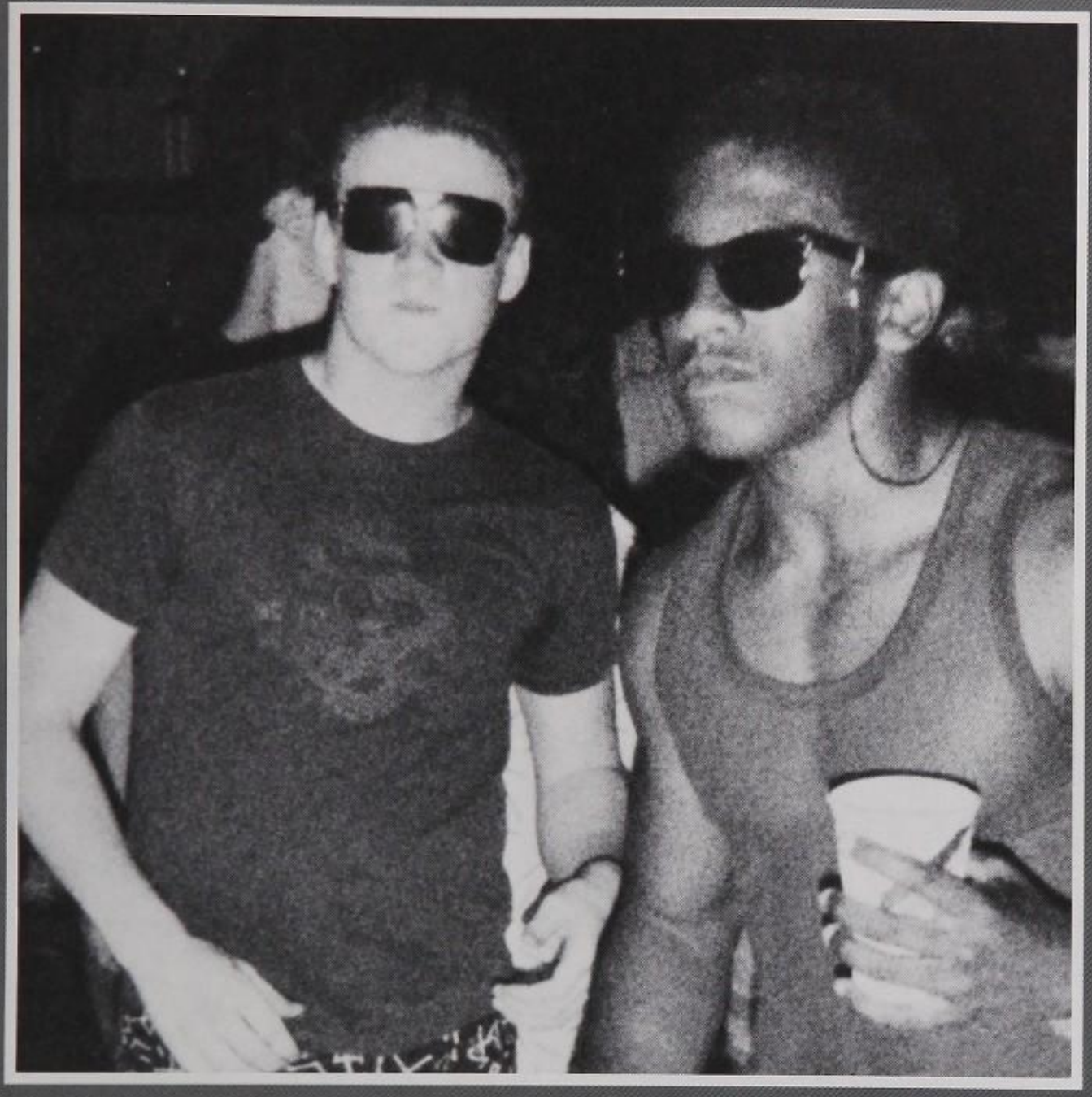


"A Happy ending for juniors and seniors"

On May 16, 1986 many juniors and seniors gathered together for an all night chemical-free party held at Blazer. It was supposed to show students how much fun they can have without the influence of alcohol. Another name for this was the Grand Finale.

The Grand Finale brought together the Blazer juniors and seniors and consisted of all sorts of entertainment for the students. It started at 9:00 p.m. with a dance. At 12:00 a.m. the dance ended and the pool was open to all the swimmers. Others relaxed upstairs while watching a selection of movies on a wide screen T.V. donated by the Movie Connection. At 1:00 the Casino, in which students received play money, began and students made their rounds at each table. A lot of money was lost but also money was gained to spend in the auction held at 4:30 a.m. At 3:00 a.m. there were tournaments in volleyball and basketball. At 5:00 a.m. everything in Building 7 was closed and everyone was moved to Building 1 for breakfast.

G. G. Riffe



Getting into the beat of the music, sophomore Tony Smith and senior Tobey Tolbert block the rays of the bright lights with their shades.

Waiting for just the right moment, senior Dale Queen searches through the crowd to find the right girl to ask for a dance.

Looking like stars sophomore Chris Pullem and senior Mark Miller seem to be enjoying the entertainment during the dance segment of the all night party.

Preparing for the Grand Finale was a chore, but an enjoyable one for seniors Mary Walters and Sherry Crum as they cut paper to cover the walls.

TIM QUADE
ANN MARIE QUEEN
MARILEE QUILLEN
BECKY RANKIN
SCOTT REEVES

ANGIE RHODES
ROB RHODES
BRIAN RICE
DWAYNE RIFFE
SCOTT RIGSBY

ADA RIOLLANO
BECKY ROBINSON
KIM RODMAN
FRANK ROUSE
MIKE SALYER

JUNIORS

"Some 'import' -ant students"

In America, we import cars, fuel, food, and clothes, but at Blazer, we import students.

This year we received two new students from across the Atlantic Ocean, Senior Simone Steinsiek and Junior Merina Korkiakoski. Together their opinions about the U.S. differ because of the difference in their countries. Simone is from Bielefeld, West Germany while Merina is from Hellsinki, Finland.

The two of them were involved in a sports activity; one in volleyball, one in basketball. Simone was a member of the Ashland Junior Volleyball team and Merina was involved in the church basketball league and played for First Christian Church.

Simone's outlook on the U.S. was mainly of the size, since Germany is much smaller; the climate because it's cooler there; and the distance from one place to another. In the fall, Simone stated, "We do not have the same colors of the trees, and the first thing I did was to collect some leaves and dry them in a press."

Merina, on the other hand, voiced her opinion on the crime in the U.S. and how she wasn't used to having to be so careful.

They both agree though about Blazer, in that the teachers and students were helpful and friendly.

Towards the end of the school year Merina said, "I'm really looking forward to the rest of my time here but I'm also anxious to go home."

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Making friends is what the USA is all about. Juniors Merina Korkiakoski and Allison Cooper express their friendship.

Relaxing after a long day at King's Island are exchange students Simone Steinsiek, Merina Korkiakoski, and chaperone Betty Davis.

ROBERT SALYERS
KEVIN SAVAGE
FRED SEGER
SAMANTHA SELVAGE
AMY SERGENT

JANET SERGENT
BRIAN SHANKS
ROBBIE SIMPSON
PEGGY SKAGGS
LISA SMITH

ROBBIE SMITH
TONY SMITH
DOUG SPARKS
MINDY SPURLOCK
GEORGE STAFFORD

JUNIORS

Watching the progression of a volleyball game with her teammates is German student Simone Steinsiek.

BRIAN STAMBAUGH
TERI STAMBAUGH
TRACEY STAMBAUGH
PAM STANFORD
SHERRY STAPLETON

CATHY STAVROS
ALYSA STEPHENS
TRENA STEPHENS
ISH STEVENS
JON STIDHAM

KRISTY STOVER
ALAN STRINGER
SHARON SUTPHIN
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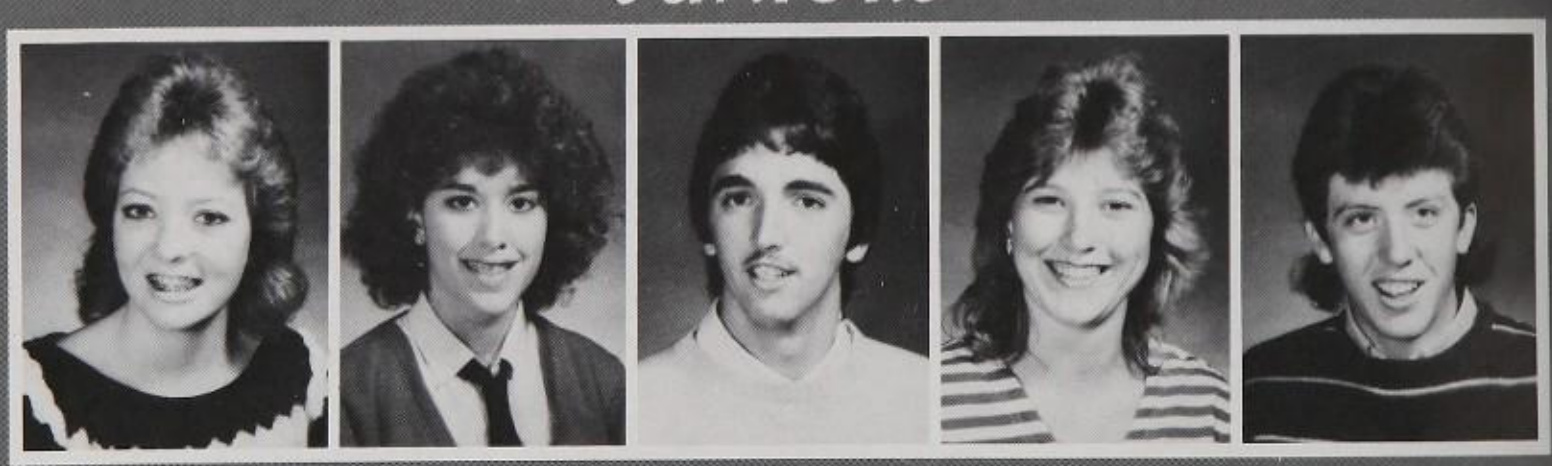

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Van Halen and Others Kick the Area

With the music being a constant in everyone's lives, it is no wonder that concerts were a major form of entertainment for students this past year. Major places like the Huntington and Charleston Civic Centers brought a good selection of performers to the area. All of the performers put on exciting shows.

Starting last summer, male vocalists such as Bryan Adams and Rick Springfield had the girls rushing the stage and dancing to the rhythm of such songs as "Cuts Like A Knife" and "Jessie's Girl." When Tina Turner came to Charleston in the fall, it was the guys' turn to ask, "What's Love Got To Do With It?" The ageless woman of rock in her lioness hair style had the audience awestruck by her sizzling moves and her growling renditions of such classics as "Proud Mary" and "Honkeytonk Woman" as well as such newer songs as "We Don't Need Another Hero."

But maybe it was the hard driving power of such groups as Loverboy and ZZ Topp that brought the crowds to their collective knees. Mike Reno, lead singer for the Canadian-based Loverboy, hardly stood still as he jumped all over the stage screaming out such hits as "Working For The Weekend" and "Loving Every Minute Of It." And speaking of screaming that was just what ZZ Topp axeman Billy Gibbns had his guitar doing. In support of their *Afterburner* album, the Texas trio combined Southern rock-n-roll with a high-tech space stage to bewilder the audience with driving performances of "Gimme All Your Lovin'" and "Sleeping Bag."

The concert that everyone was talking about was the '86 stramlined model of Van Halen. With the boisterous David Lee Roth gone and the golden-locked Sammy Hagar in, the band could have better been billed as Van Hagar. With the red rocker taking the reins as lead singer as well as playing dueling guitars with Eddie, this mammouth super group conducted an audio bombardment on the walls of The Charleston Civic Center and kept the audience on their feet for a show well over two hours. They stormed through just about every song off their current album *5150* as well as playing their own versions of "Wild Thing" and "Rock-n-Roll."

Even the warm-up groups such as 'til Tuesday, for Rick Springfield, and The Hooters, for Loverboy, held their own as they not only succeeded in getting the crowd ready for the headliner, but also managed to make quite a few fans of their own. With such receptive and appreciative fans, more groups were able to and do come to the area. From the sounds of the blasting car radios in the parking lot after school, it seems that the students are the main supporters of these groups.

"STAR" Attractions

Blazer is fortunate to have a "star" this year. Not an ordinary star, she's a member of the performing group known as Star of Indiana. Our star is junior Allison Cooper. She is one of 28 girls selected from 100 who tried out for the group. They perform with various types of flags, rifles, and acrobatic moves. Basically, the group is for competition purposes throughout the United States and Canada. Allison follows her sister Alicia who is performing for her second year.

Star of Indiana is the first full corporate sponsored drum and bugle corps, marching 128 young men and women 14 to 21 years of age. During the summer, the Corps will appear in approximately 40 competitions, exhibitions, and parades while traveling over 10,000 miles. The Star corps practices once a month from November through May. Beginning June 5 to August 17, the members attend camp in Bloomington, Indiana with 12 hours of practice a day. The Corps competes in August against 200 other corps in Wisconsin. "It is an honor to be selected for this prestigious group, but, boy, is it a lot of hard work." stated Allison Cooper.

Proudly displaying her trophies from some of her competitions with Star and the Blazer drill corps is Allison.

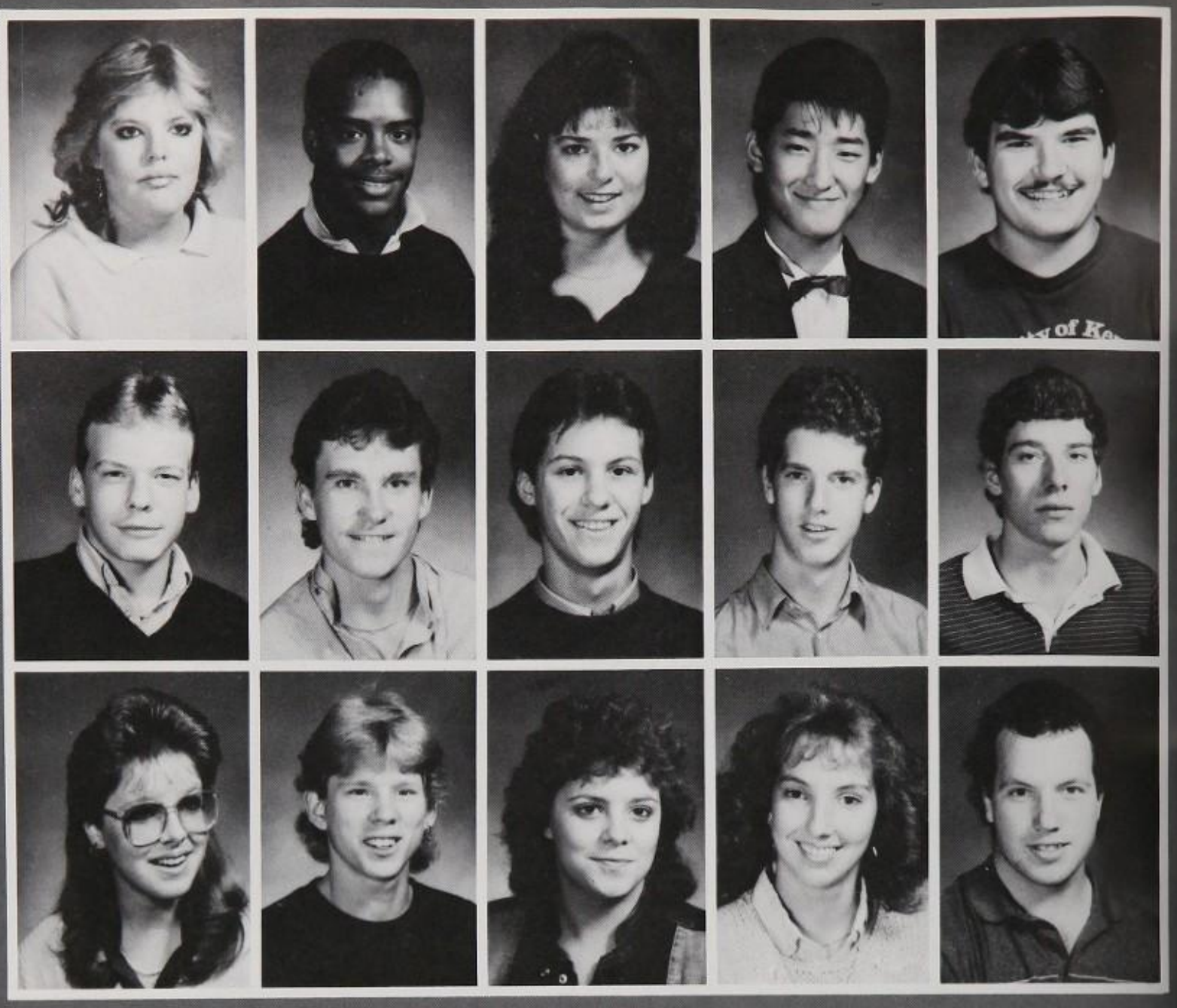
Playing with the Blazer Pep Band during home basketball games is one of my favorite activities," states Allison.

Grooving, and performing to an up-beat number is one of the bands during the January talent show.

SHERRY THOMAS
WALTER THOMAS
JANE THOMPSON
TIM TOU
EARL TWINAM

LES TWINAM
SCOTT VANHORN
MARK VOLL
MARC VONDERHEIDE
ISRAEL WAGONER

JAMI WARD
SCOTT WATTS
CHANDRA WAUGH
JERRI WEBB
MATT WEST



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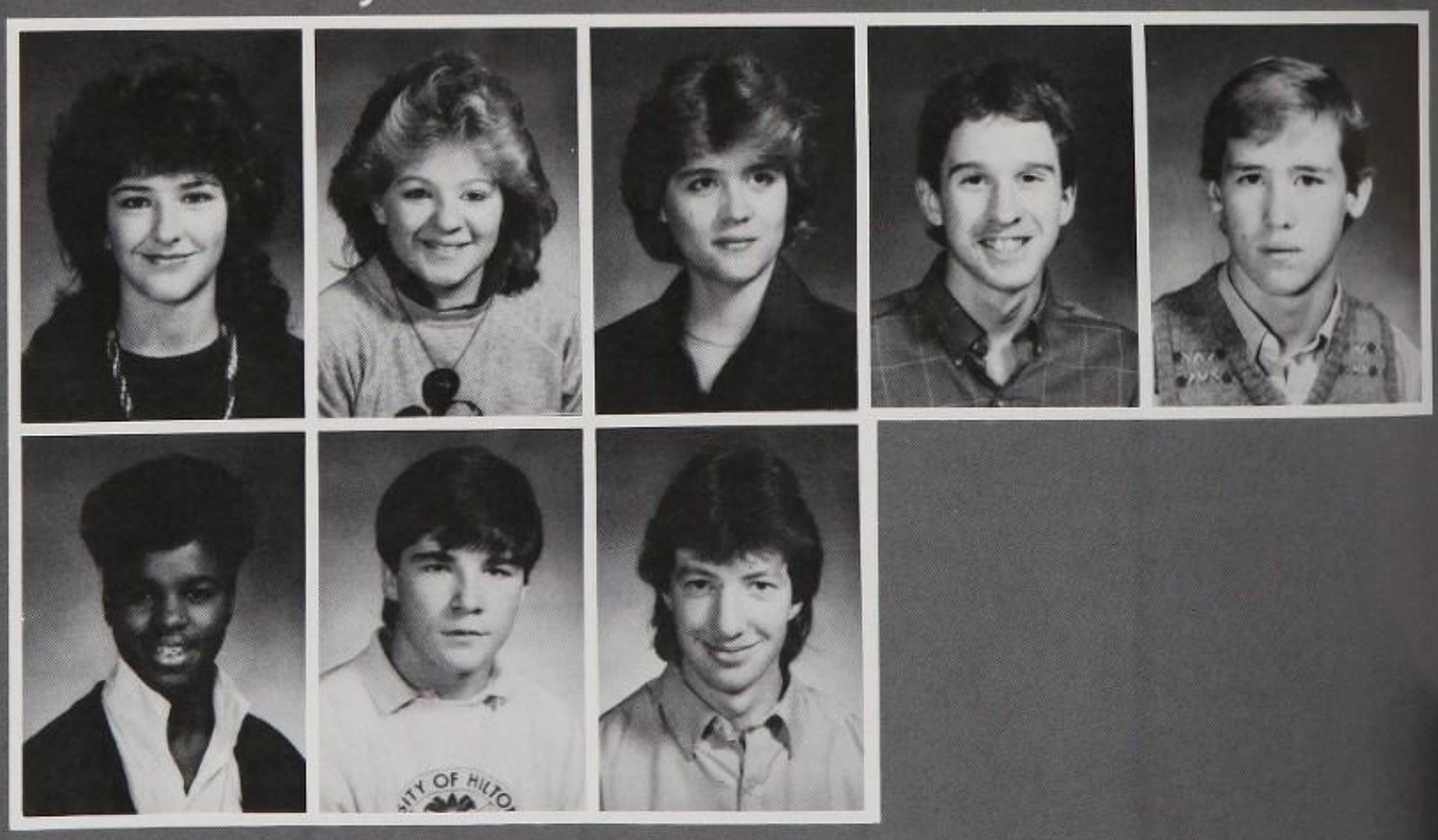
KATHY WHITELY
DEE WILLETT
YVETTE WILLIAMS
SCOTT WILSON
RUSTY WISEMAN

VANESSA
WOODBERRY
JIM WOOLERY
ALAN YORK



"Off the track to organization?"

The scene in the parking lot looked alot different this year. Why? Because it was organized. Three was no longer cars turned every which way and just anywhere.

There were new parking rules this year and it seems to be for the best. Says Senior Julie Jarvis, "I like it because it's much easier to get out if you have to leave early."

The rules were, as stated in the student handbook: Students are not to park on the track surface. Students are to park in the rows on the interior of the track. Rows should be straighht and in order. Students are to begin parking in front row until that row is full. All rows are to be filled up before a new row is started.

Junior Kevin Savage shows approval by saying, "I think they should have made it that way a long time ago. It's a lot more efficient, it's easier to get in and out, and you can always find a place to park."

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Looking at a view from the top the Blazer Triangle, one can see the gym and the administration parking lot.

Getting into her car, senior Tiera Gunzales prepares to leave school on her way to a Co-Op job.

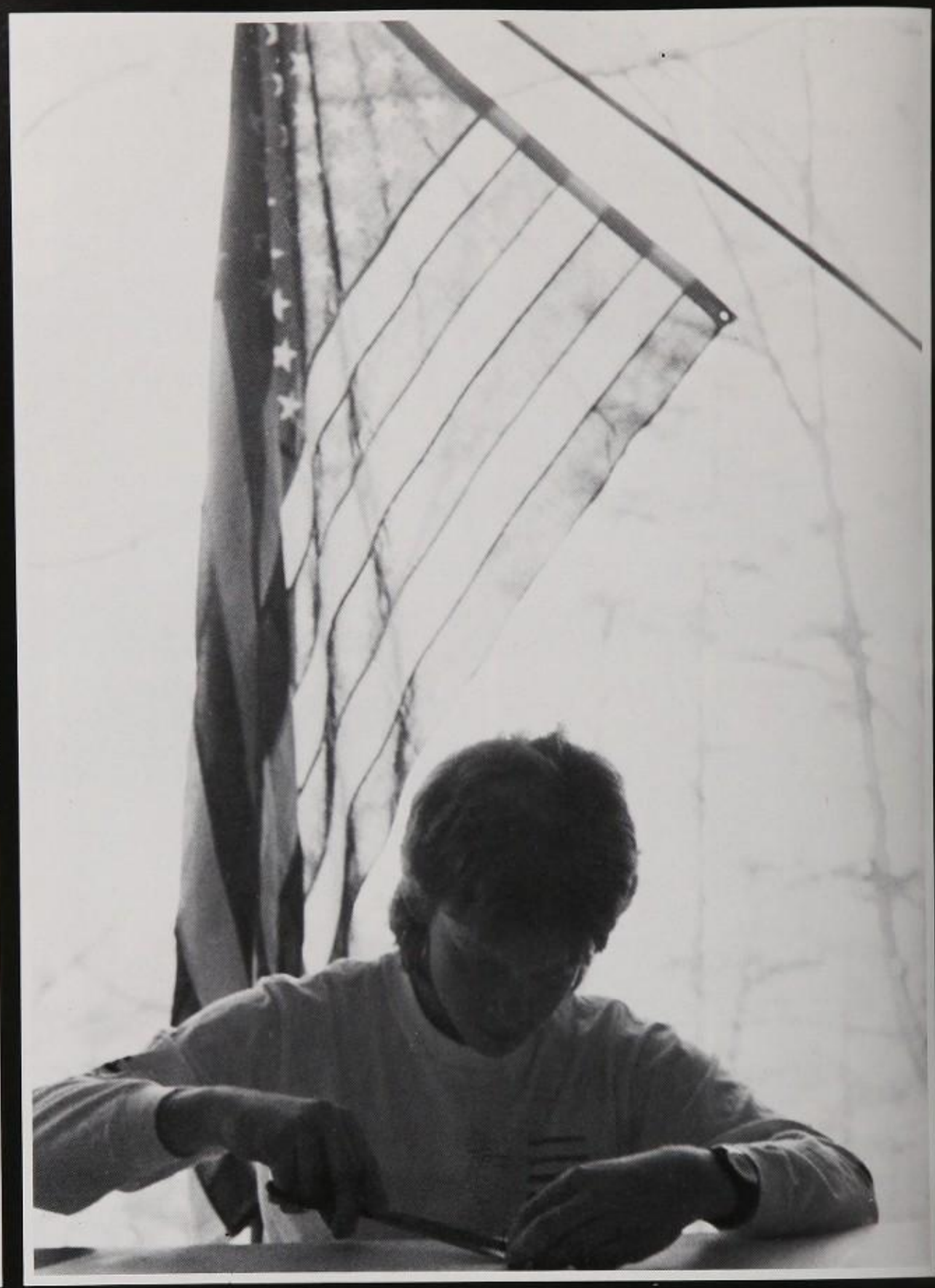
One Day at a time.

The sophomore class took the year in stride. They made time to concern themsleves with the classes ideas as well as going through with these suggestions. Their job was to prepare themselves for the Prom next year and they did just that by having many fund raising projects.

SOPHO-MORES

Cutting his project for Art is sophomore Todd Roy, during fifth period Art Class.

Sophomore Class Officers: Secretary, Amy Jones; Treasurer, Tim Beason; Vice President, Brett Henry and President, Angie Hicks.



Waiting patiently for a ride after school are sophomores Dove Gevedon, Brian Barber and Phillip Caudill.

Watching the other couples are sophomore Stacey Gray and Scott Kiefer as they dance with the queen and her court.

KELLY ADKINS
SALLY AKERS
TINA ALEXANDER
JUD ANGLIN
RANDY ARTHUR

JULIE ARTIS
JOE AVILA
GARY BAILEY
SHARON BALDRIDGE
BRYAN BARBER

JEFF BARKER
ANNA BARNES
JACKIE BARROW
SHELLY BATTISTA
TIM BEASON

KEVIN BERRY
WILLIAM BLAKE
TONI BLEVINS
DAN BOGARDUS
SHAWN BOGGS

TOMMY BOLT
RICH BOYLE
KIM BRACKMAN
JAMIE BRANHAM
TYLER BRANHAM

BARBARA BROWN
JOHN BROWNING
KATHY BUCKLAND
DAVID BURTON
CHRIS BUTLER

ELLIOTT CAGGINS
MICHELLE CARLEY
MOON CARMEN
PHILLIP CAUDILL
RON CAUDILL

JEFF CAVIN
HEATHER CHAFFIN
TODD CHEEK
REBECCA CHRISTIAN
CAROLYN CLARK

PHILLIP CLARK
SHAWN CLARK
CURT CLEVENGER
ROBIN COBURN
LINDA COLLEY

MELISSA COLLINS
JEFF CONLEY
JOE COOK
STEPHANIE COOPER
GLENDA COPLEY

BRONSON CORDLE
CRISSY CORWIN
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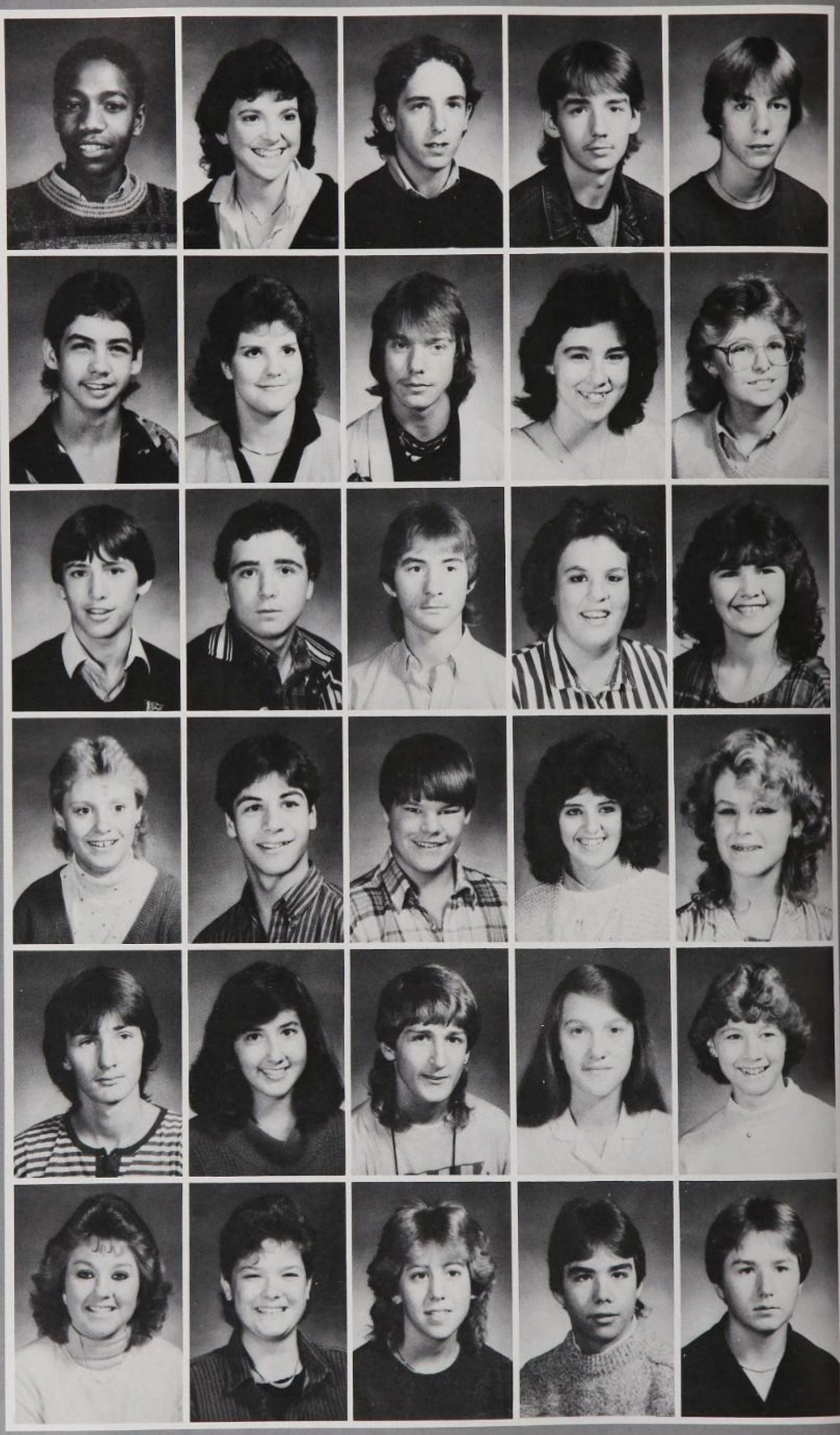


Fashion: a sign of our times

It has been said that trends in fashion are of the most accurate of indications of our society. yet what do items like stirrup pants, Raybans and Jams tell us about the world in which we live?

With the 50's came ducktails and poodle skirts; the 60's brought us tie-dyed shirts and love beads; the 70's made the most out of polyester with leisure suits; here in the mid 80's we seem bombarded by bits and pieces of all generations. Yet what the styles today lack in originality, they more than make up for in diversity.

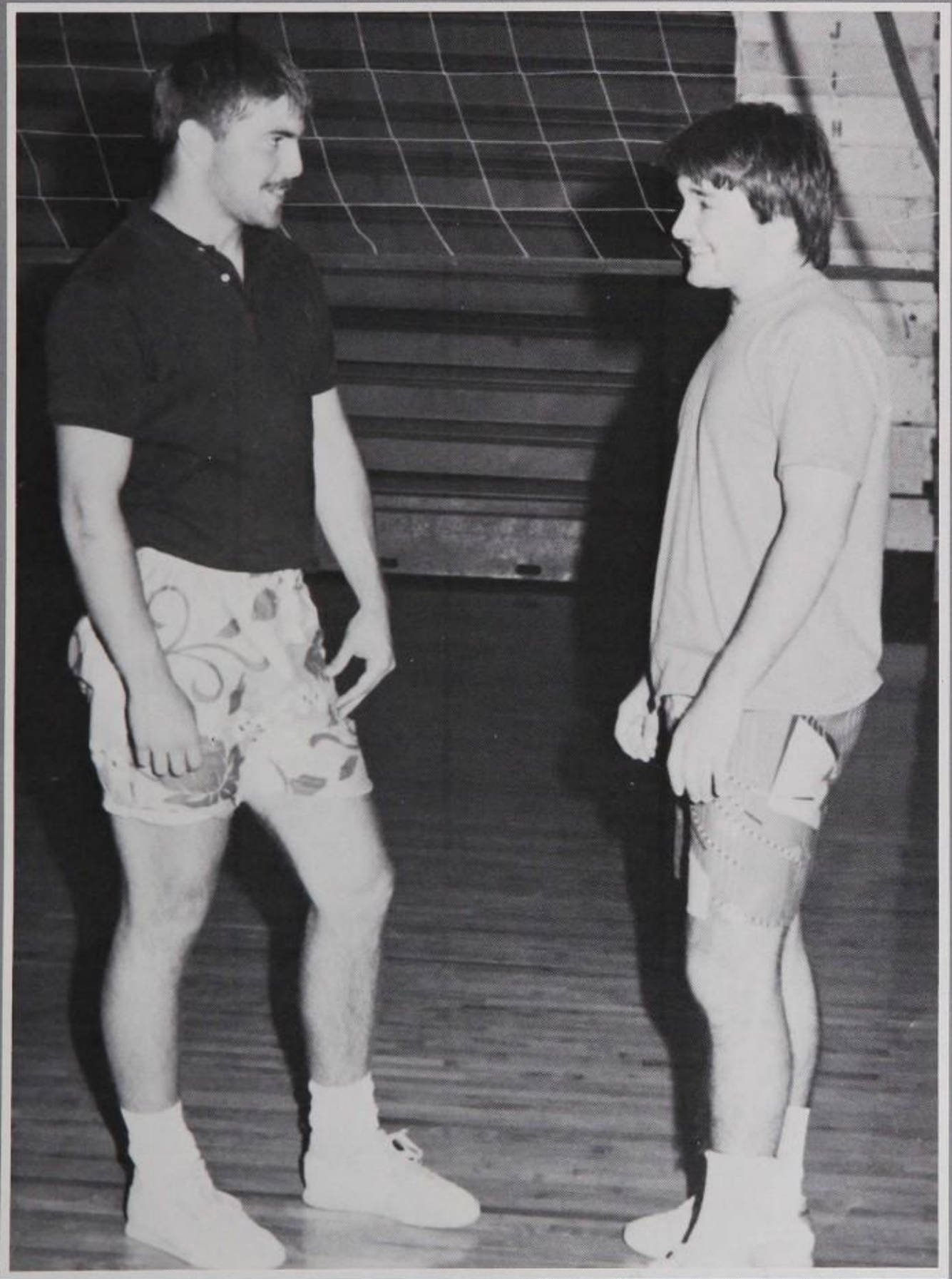
Just walk around campus and you can see this for yourself. The girl that sits next to you in Spanish Class in the oversized sweater and stirrup pants is really no different than the girl that hung around the malt shop on Friday nights. And just look at all the bright colors and wild patterns on some of the shorts such as Jams that are like the polyester Hawaiian shorts that you have pictures of your parents wearing on vacations.

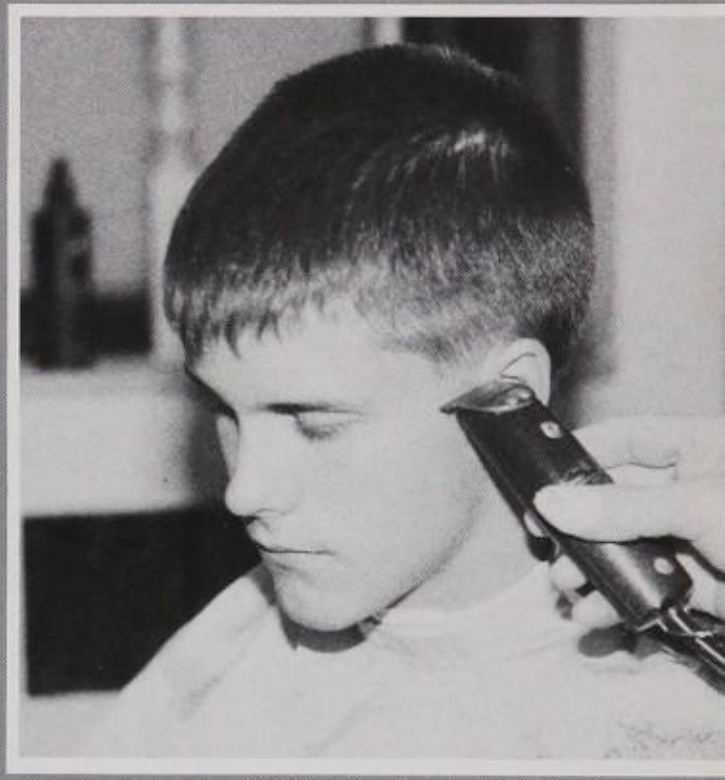
So where have we come with all this? Fashion is but an expression of society. We all have a different image of the way we want to see ourselves. A trend is merely a composite of similar tastes. But not to worry, another one is close to follow. What does the future hold? Only time can tell.

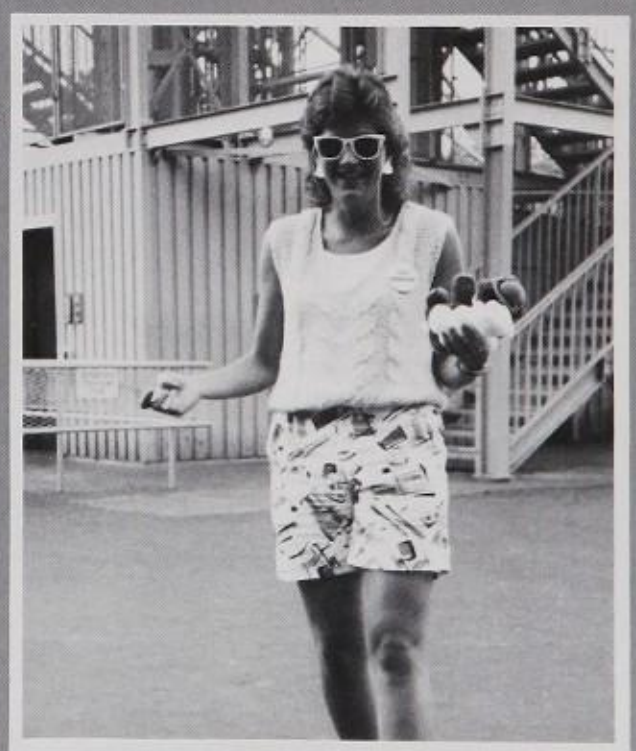
Cathy Stavros

Dressed in her stirrup's pants and matching striped, long tail shirt is senior Sherry Crum, ready for a busy day at school.

Keeping right in style with the latest hair cut is just Tyler Prince. He really did get his ears lowered.





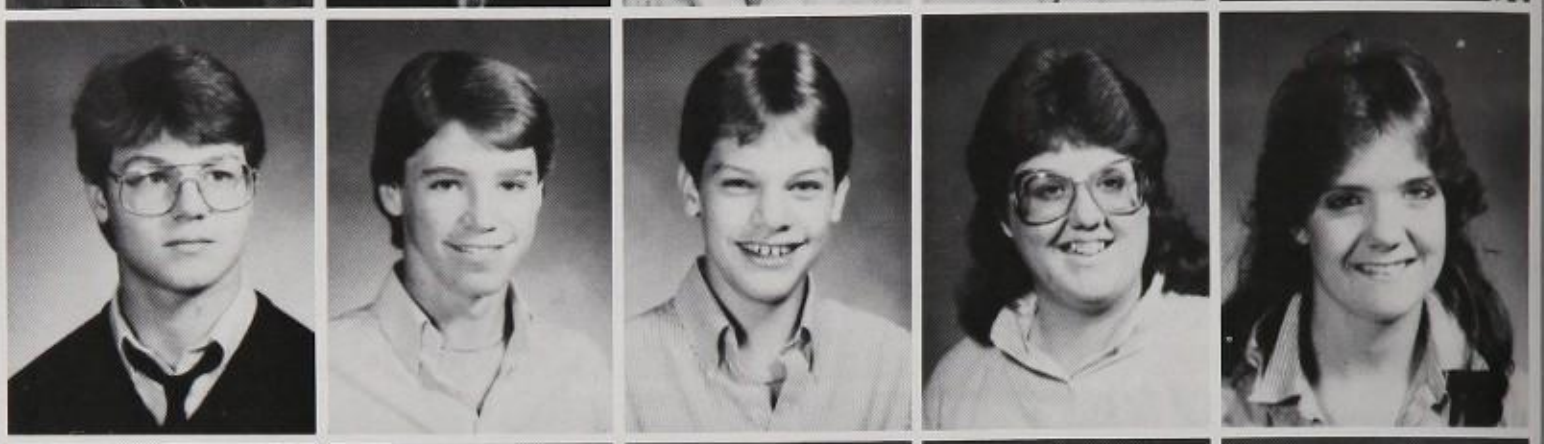


Cooling it under the Eifel Tower at Kings Island is senior Michelle Collins as she stopped to pose for a picture in her shades.

Discussing the activity of their gym classes are seniors Kent Feazel and Todd Childers in their wild, but cool, Jams.

MISSY DAY
TAMMY DEBOARD
ANGELA DEZARN
MATT DIXON
DAVID DOUGLAS

JASON DURHAM
CHRIS EBY
DARRIN EGLESTON
KRISTY ELLIOT
TAMMY ELLIOT



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CHARLES EVANS
SANDY FANNIN
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SUSAN FERREBY

MIKE FIELDS
DIANNE FLANNERY
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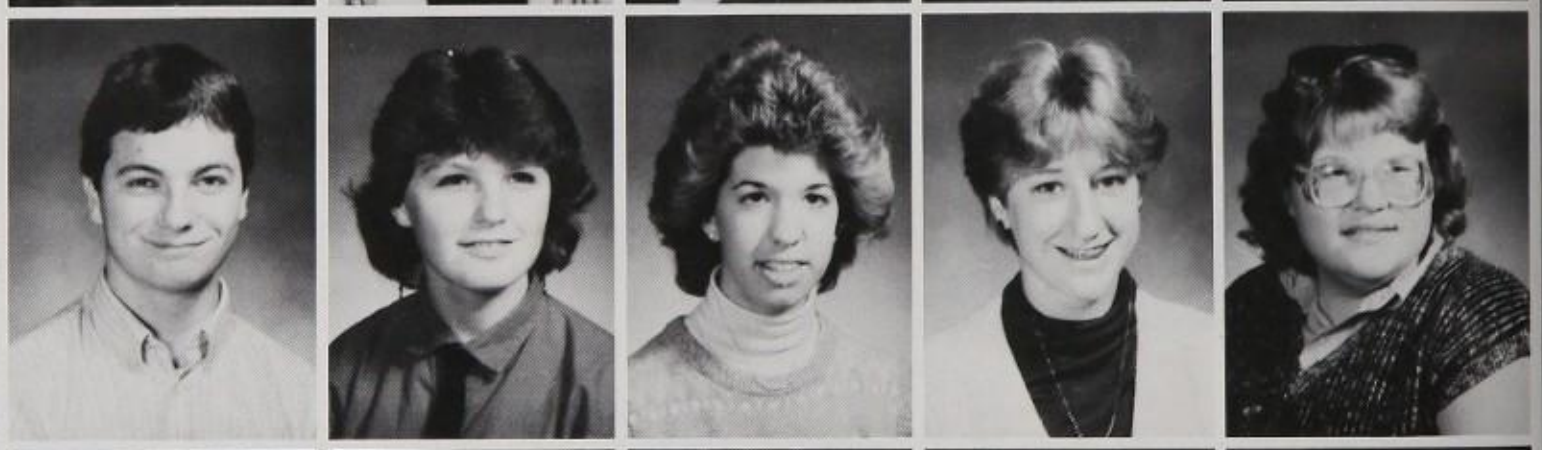
DEVON FLUTY
CHRISTY FORD



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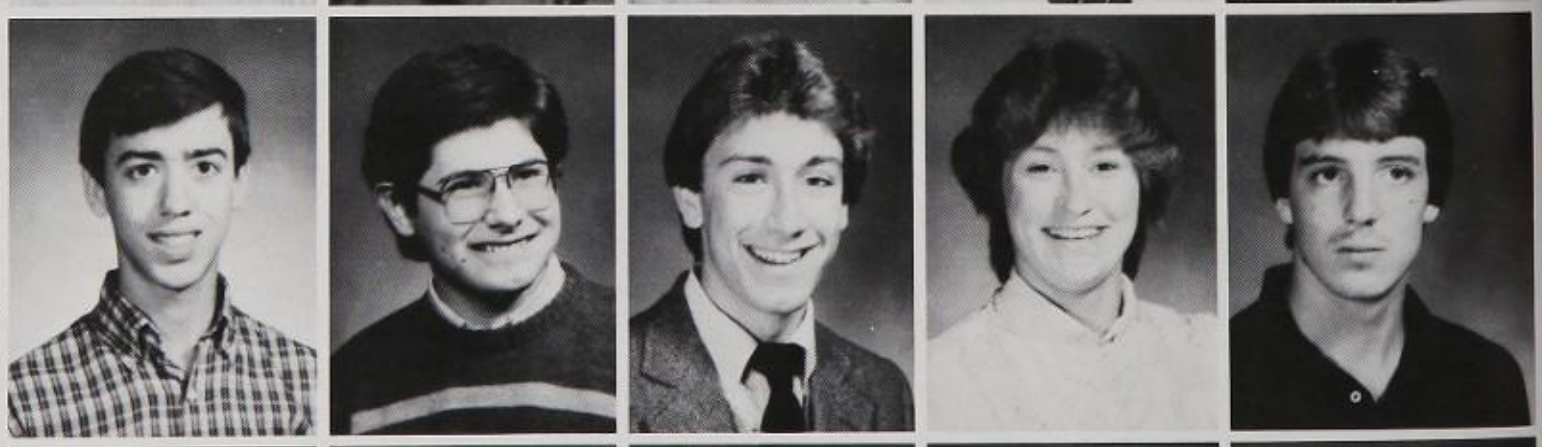

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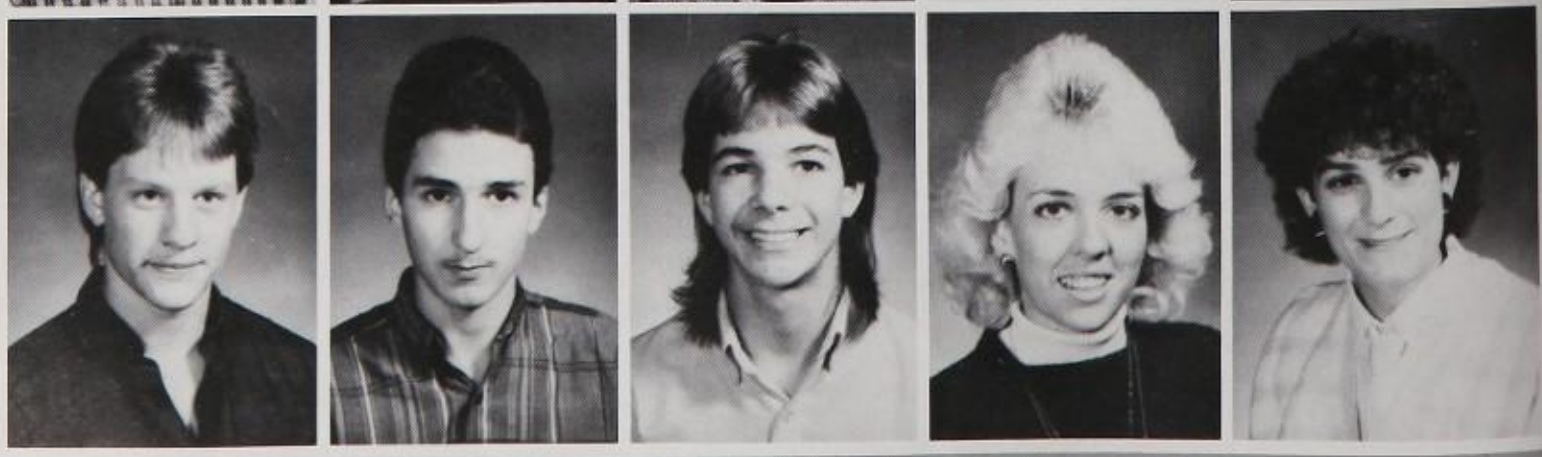

Floating on air at Homecoming

Opening the halftime show at the Homecoming game against Clark County was the Ashland Tomcat Band and the Flag Corps. Following that performance was the class float contest which is held every year during the Homecoming game. It consisted of a float from each of the classes pertaining to the game with the Clark County Cardinals.

Titles such as: "Polly wanna Tomcat?" by the Senior class, "Cage the Cardinals" by the Junior class, and "Sink the Cardinals" by the Freshman class were used as themes for the floats. The winning float, with the title, "Tomcat Vice, Cardinal Blues," belonged to the Sophomore class. This float was creatively put together displaying a giant Tomcat with a pistol pointed at a Cardinal.

Second place went to the Freshman class for their sinking boat float. Third place, with their Cardinal in a cage, went to the Junior class while the Senior class took last place with their "Don't Monkey around with the Tomcats" float.

After the judging Freshman Drema Combs stated, "This contest was new to the Freshmen and I was shocked we received 2nd place. A lot of hard work was put into our float and it showed."

Concluding the halftime processions were the 1985 Homecoming attendants and their escorts.

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Displaying the winning float during halftime of the Homecoming game is the Sophomore class.

Moving around the football stadium in the Homecoming float contest is the third place winning float presented by the Junior class.

Displaying the second place float in the Homecoming float contest during halftime is the Freshman class.

Showing the class spirit with a fourth place win are driver, Senior Greg Harvey and passenger, Senior Mark McDonald.

LISA GRIFFITH
VIRGIL GRIFFITH
MIKE GRINSTEAD
MICHAEL GULLETT
ANGELA HACKER

KERRY HALE
KAREN HALL
KEMO HALL
SHANNON HALL
TED HALL

MIKE HALLEY
JAMES HAMILTON
GEORGE HARDING
REX HAYS
HEATHER HENDERSON

SHELLY HENDERSON
BRETT HENRY
STACEY HENRY
KEN HENSLEY
MELANIE HENSLEY

"Having so 'munch' fun"

After three hours of studying, listening, taking tests and reading, a break sounded great to most every student. At lunch, this well needed break broke out with munching, talking, laughing, and playing hackey-sac outside.

Hackey-sac became popular and many students participated during lunch. The hackey-sac is a small leather bag with little styrofoam balls in them. It was hit with the side of the foot and kicked to another person in the group. They tried to see how long they could keep it in motion. Freshman Scotty Park stated, "It's a very exhilarating game, brings about the best in you and it's good for your coordination but yes it's also very frustrating." Gatherings outside of building one and on the junior and senior rocks were frequently seen.

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MELISSA HENSLEY
ANGIE HICKS
SHAWN HICKS
TERESA HILL
CLIFF HOGAN

MERLYNE HOWELL
KEVIN HOWES
CARRIE HUBER
BRIAN HUGHES
TERESA HURLEY

CHRIS HUTCHINSON
CHERYL HUTT
CHRIS IRWIN
DONNA ISON
ANGIE JOBE

CHRIS JOHNSON
JASON JOHNSON
AMY JONES
WENDY JURICAK
ANGIE KAZEE

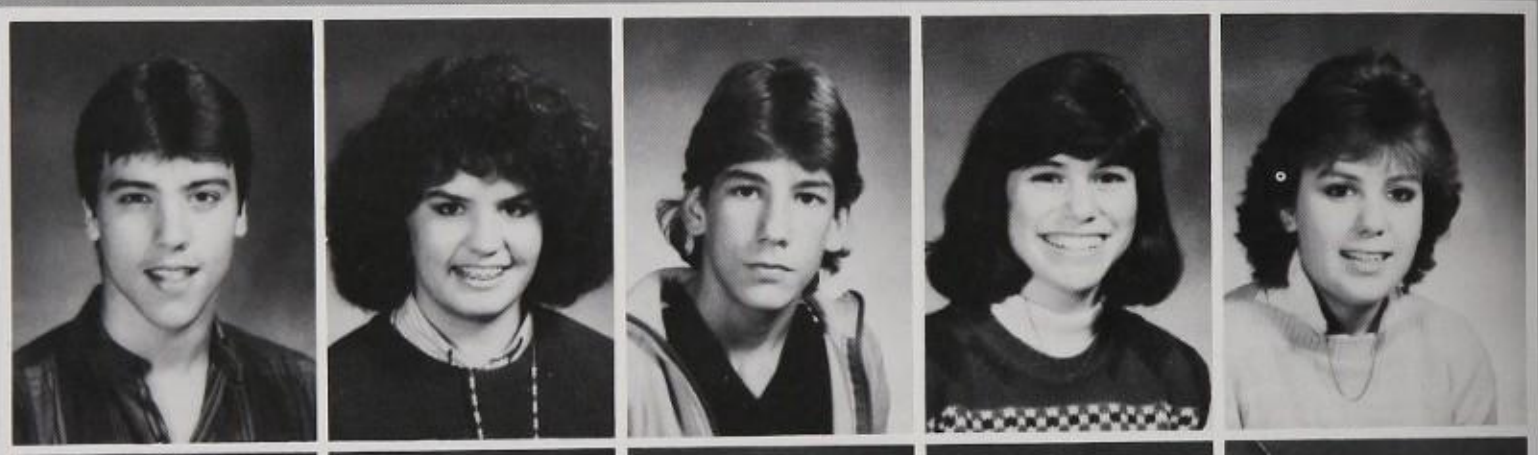
Gathering around their rock, juniors Ed Davis, Ish Stevens, Kim Rodman, and Gayle Moatz await the bell to usher them to class.

Taking a break from the long cafeteria lines are juniors Becky Robinson, Beth Gossett, Tonya Baer, Pam Stanford and Rita Marzeti.

Performing in front of the school during the Christmas season is a section of the school band.

Acting out his part as a Roman god during Mrs. Dykes' world history class is sophomore Steve Vanhorn.

SCOTT KEIFER
JULIE KILLIN
TRACEY KISER
STACEY KOONTZ
MICHELLE KRISMER



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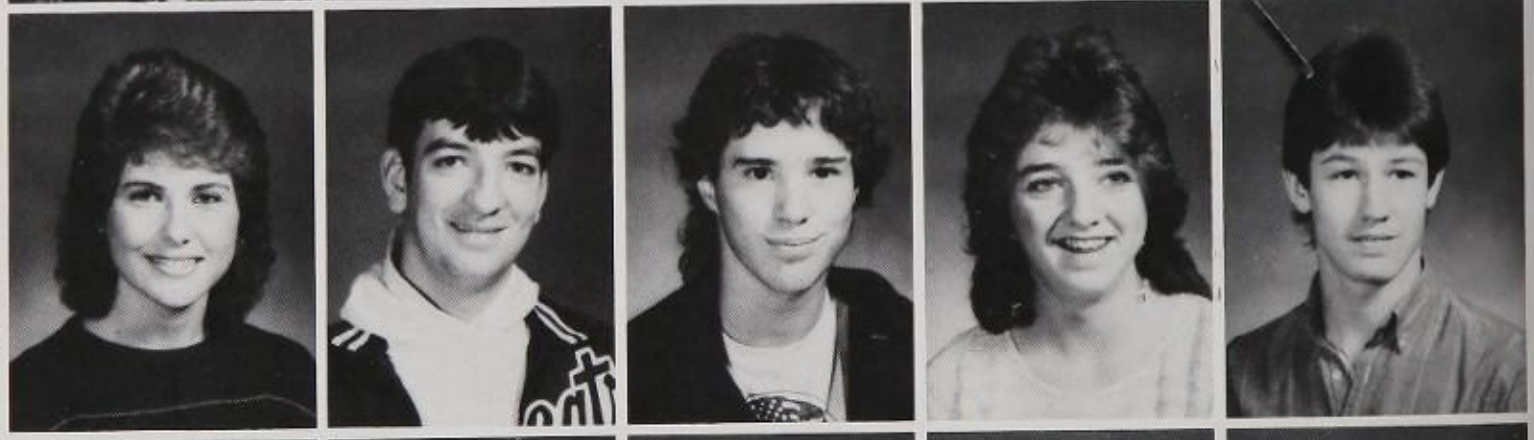

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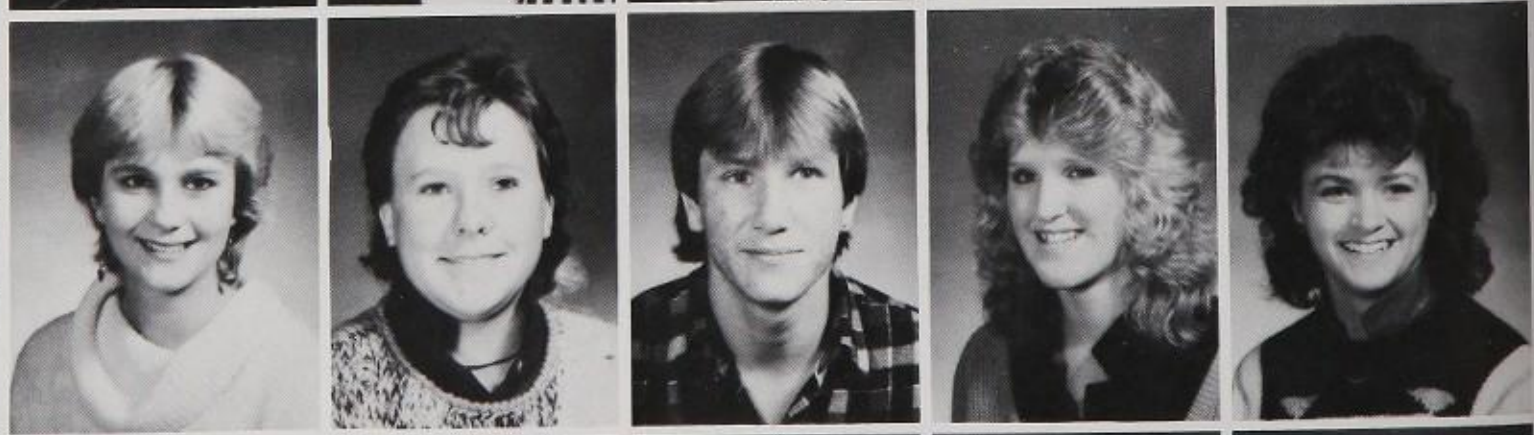

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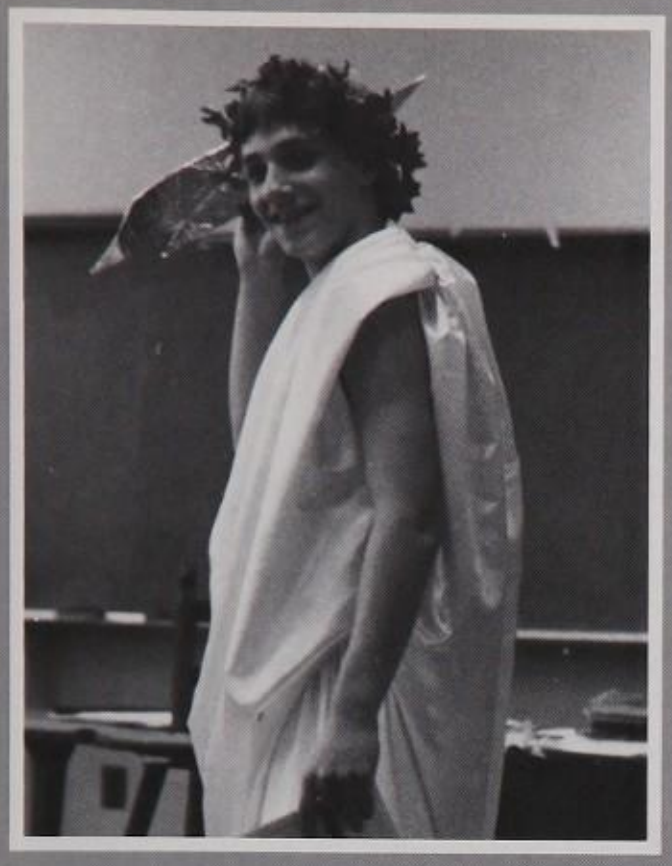

Performing on and off campus

Performing at school is a whole lot different than performing on stage. At school one has nine weeks to make up for a bad grade but on the stage, it's your one and only chance to prove you have what it takes to be a performer.

A few Blazer students have tried their performance on stage in two of the Ashland Theater Guild plays. One was "Bye Bye Birdie" with Senior Jim Kitchen playing the part of Hugo Peabody, Junior Janni Farrar as Deborah Sue, and Freshmen Jackie Lewis, Heather Hawes, and Andrea Lewis as members of the chorus.

The second play, "On Broadway" was presented to over 3,000 students and again Janni Farrar and Jackie Lewis seen in this production. Janni and Jackie were both part of the chorus in which they sang several Broadway show themes including "Tomorrow" from *Annie* and "Magic to do" from *Pippin*.

Janni, who was in both plays, stated, "I have always loved the theater and being on stage. Being in plays has given me a real chance to get some experience in performing in case I decide to pursue this as a career."

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DAVID McDONALD
JADE McDONALD
PATTY McFARLAND
TIM McGLONE
TAMMY McINTYRE

JAMES McMANAWAY
CHRIS MEINFELTER
STEPHEN MEYERS
MIKE MINNEHAN
JED MOORE

JOHN MOORE
MICHAEL MOORE
MIKE MORAN
JEFF MORMAN
GAIL MORRISON

NANCY MORRISON
ANDREA NABRING
JERRY NEACE
SCOTT NEILL
RYAN NELSON

The most popular game in town

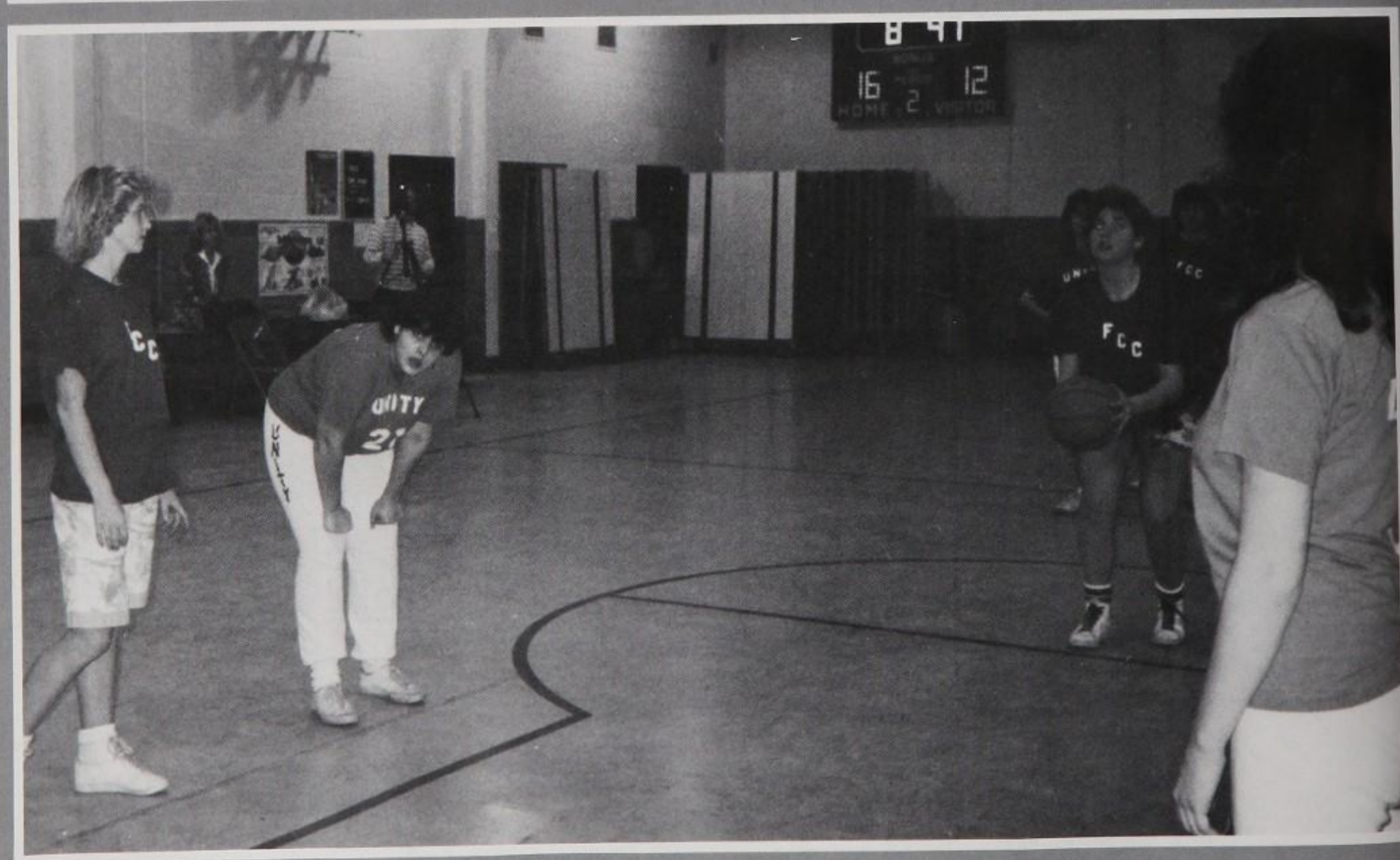
Girls Church basketball once again proved to be very popular among the female student body. The reason for its popularity is there's less pressure to win and everyone had a good time playing. Church basketball is what the game of basketball ought to be. It is to stress fellowship among the other players and to play just to enjoy yourselves and of course striving to win. Senior Beth Turman from First Christian Church stated after the season, "I really enjoyed playing church basketball and the fellowship with the other players. I was on the team for four years and I'm really going to miss it."

The season ended with a banquet at Unity Baptist Church. Awards were given out and the League Championship was won by Unity Baptist. In the tournament Holy Family was runner-up and Unity Baptist was the winner. There was also a Girls All-Star Team and six girls from Blazer were on it. They were Angela Burchett from First Church of God, Valerie Leaver from First Methodist, Dee Mollett and Mary Walter from Unity Baptist, Cindy Pitsenburger and Cathy Stavros from First Christian Church. The Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded to First Christian Church.

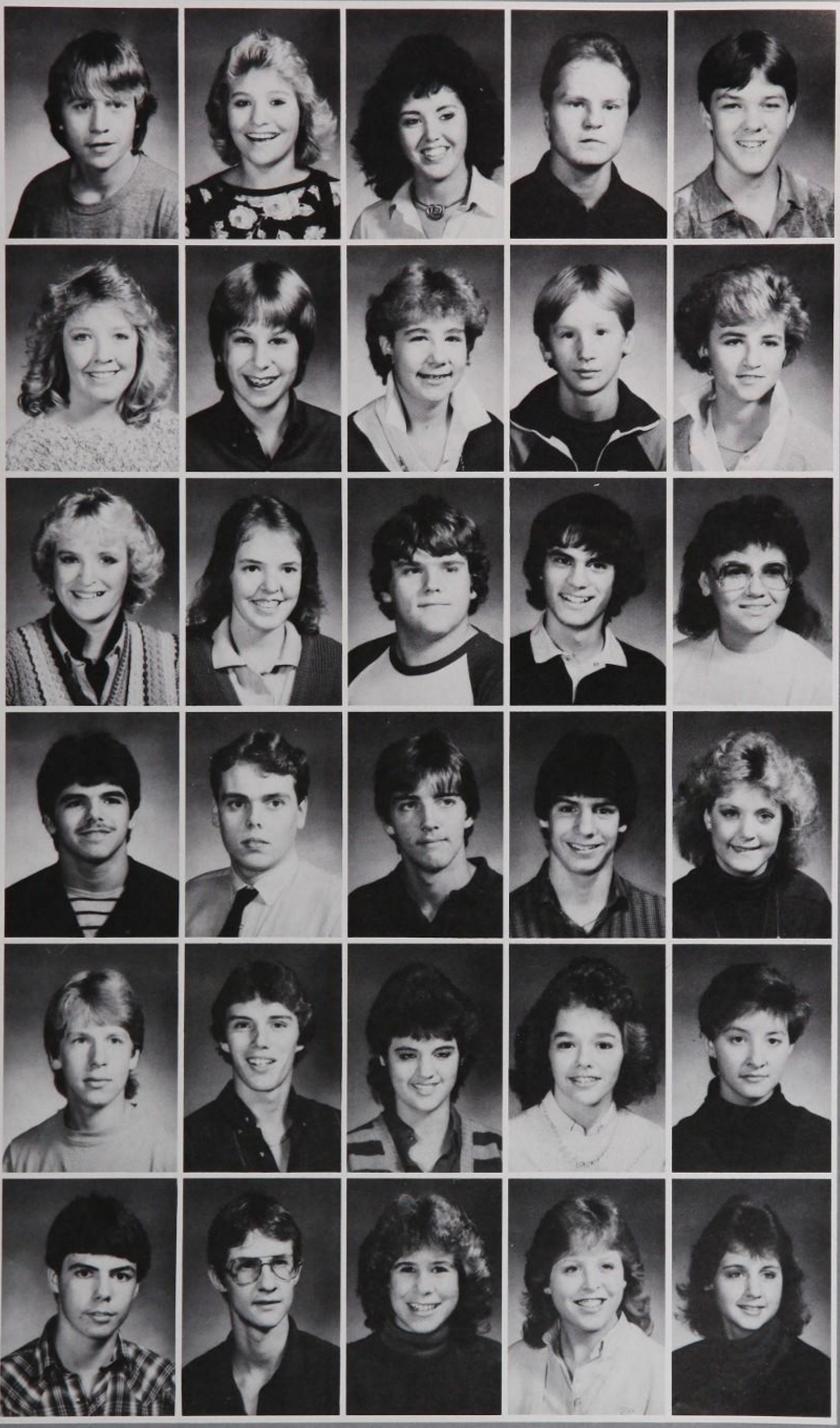
Cathy Stavros

Concentrating on receiving a pass from her teammate is senior Holly Huber who played for Holy Family.

Relieving the anxiety from a week of studying these girls reap the benefits of church basketball.



Adding points to her team's score junior Cathy Stavros readies herself for another free throw.



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KIM NETHERCUTT
CHERYL NUNLEY
DAVID O'BRIEN
SCOTT OSBORN

JANIE OWEN
TODD PALMETER
MARY PATTERSON
WILLIAM PERRY
DEANNA PINCHIN

DEENA PLANOVSKY
JOY POORE
JOHN POTTS
CHRIS PRATER
MANDY PRESTON

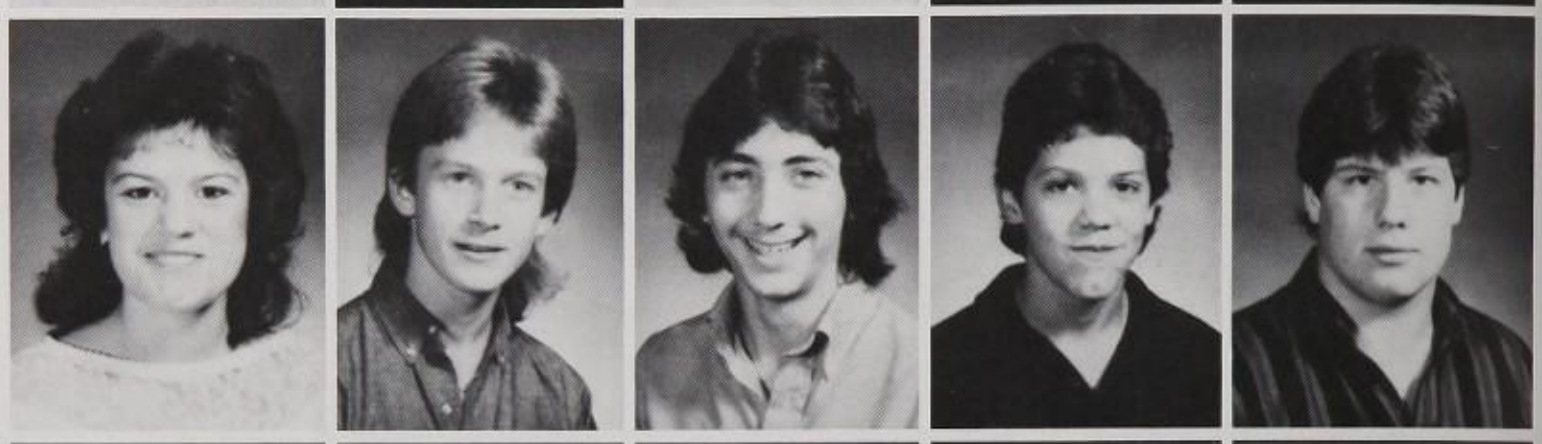
JOHN PRUITT
ROBERT PRUITT
CHRIS PULLEM
BYRON QUALLS
MISSY QUILLEN

MIKE REED
DAVID REEVES
TRACI REEVES
ANGIE REIHS
NANCY RENEAU

JEFF RICE
KEVIN RICE
SARA RICE
AMY RICHARDSON
STACI RICHARDSON

DEBBIE RILEY
DEIDRE RILEY
JULIE RILEY
CHRIS RONAY
DON ROSS

SHELLEY ROSS
TODD ROY
KENNY RUNYON
LANCE RUSSELL
CHAD SALYERS



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SONJA SMITH

ANGLEA SPRADLIN
CARL STAMBAUGH
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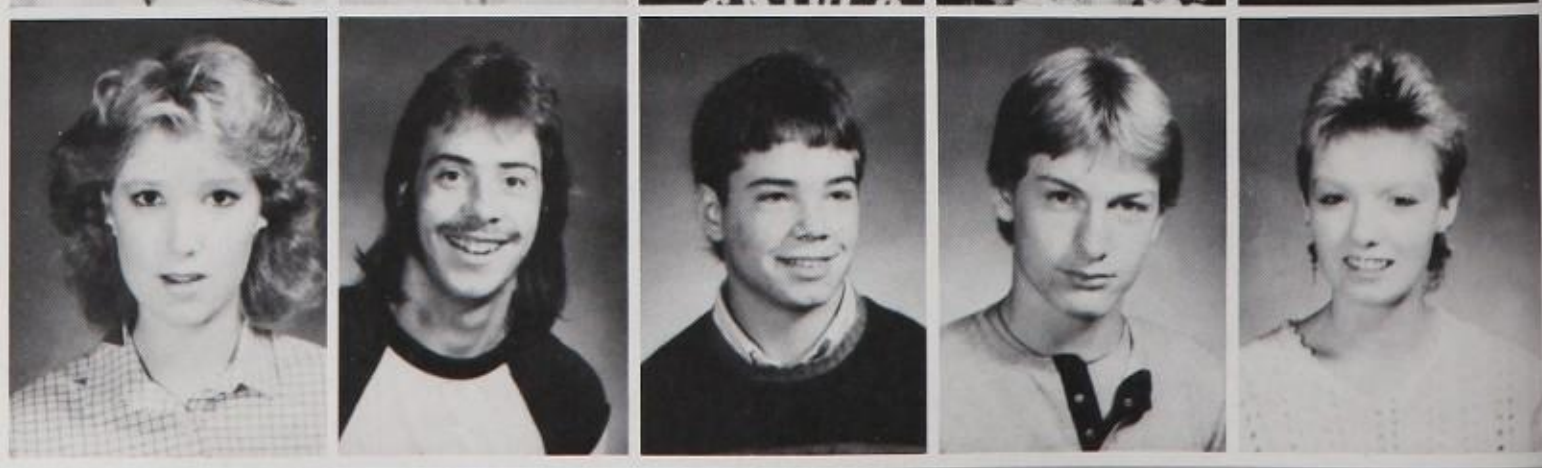

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KEN THIELKE

LARRY THOMAS
TARA THOMAS
DEBRA THOMPSON
JIM THOMPSON
AMY TULLIS

Concentrating on making a lay-up shot in warmup before a basketball game is freshman Mike Rodman, who played for Rose Hill Christian Church.

Attempting to make a foul shot during a game between Unity Baptist and First United Methodist Churches is sophomore Darrell Scott. In the foul shot line up are seniors Kevin Blake, Jim Woolery, Todd Craig, Jim Fluty, and Scott Kirk and sophomore Bryan Gearhart.

Winning is not everything

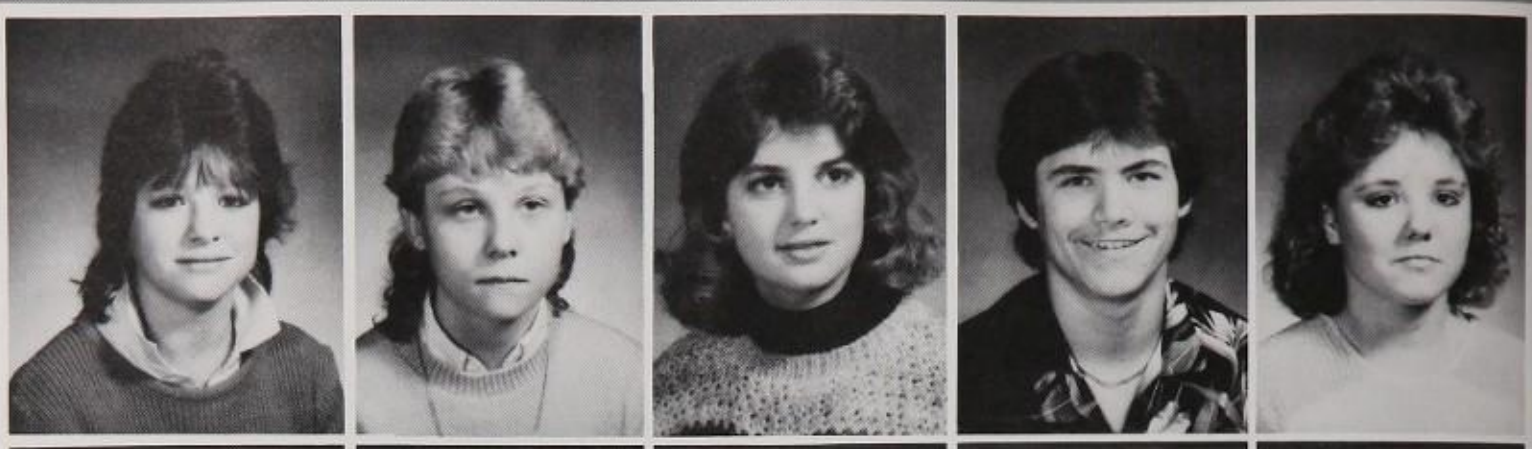
Many Blazer students are involved in outside activities such as Church Basketball Leagues. As the boys church basketball season came to an end most players felt that winning was not everything. In church basketball the fellowship of other athletes is stressed more than winning the game. The boys church basketball season was best summed up by Senior Steve Vanover, who played for First United Methodist, by saying, "This year's church season was full of tough competition.

I have competed six years and this is one of the best years that I have had. I will miss the fellowship of the other athletes, as well as participating in the games."

Following the basketball season a banquet was held at Unity Baptist Chruch on April 1. The banquet was to gather the junior high boys, the senior high boys and the girls in fellowship and in recognition for their outstanding achievements in the game of basketball. The Junior High League championship was won by Central Christian from Ironton and the tournament was won by Central Christian from Ironton. The runner-up in the tournament was Rose Hill. The Sportsmanship award went to Westwood Enterprise Baptist. The All-Star Junior High boys were; Robbie Caudill, Drew Haney, Aaron Pullem, Ronnie Rodman, and Randy Vanover. The Senior high boys league was divided into two parts, Alpha and Beta, for the regular season. First Methodist won for Alpha and Rose Hill won for Beta. The runner-up in the tournament was Grace Nazerine and the First Presbyterian, Sportsmanship Award was won by Westwood Enterprises. The Senior High All Star Team members were Todd Craig, Keith Daniel, Andrew Greene, Scott Kirk, and David Thomas.

Cathy Stavros

MARY VALENCOURT
GINGER VANHOOSE
KERRY VANHOOSE
MIKE VANHOOSE
SONJA VANHOOSE



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PAULA WALSH
AMELIA WARD

KATHY WARD
SAM WATSON
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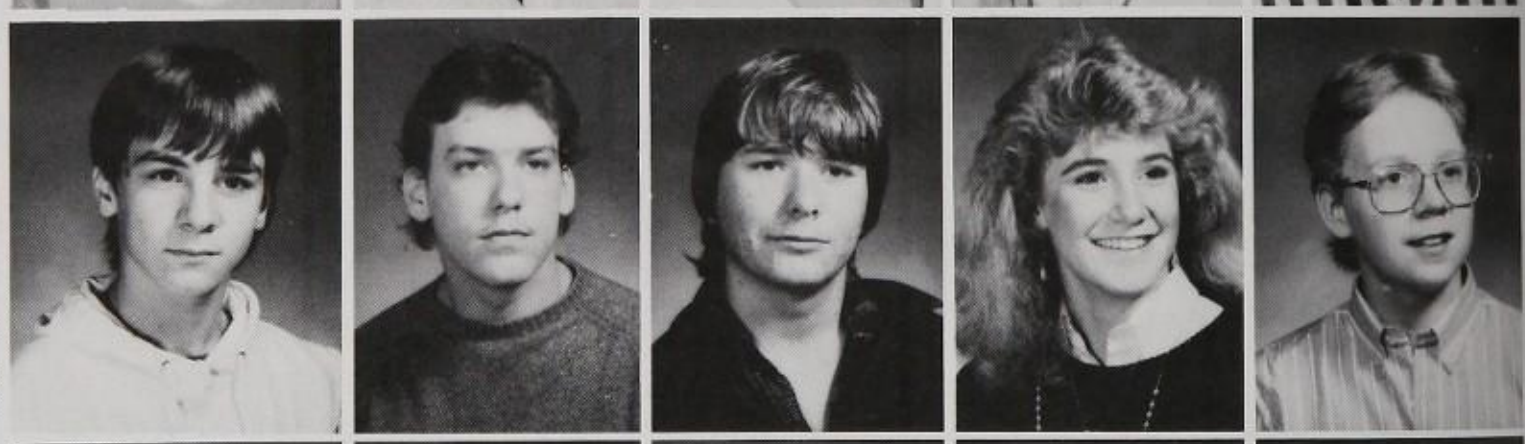

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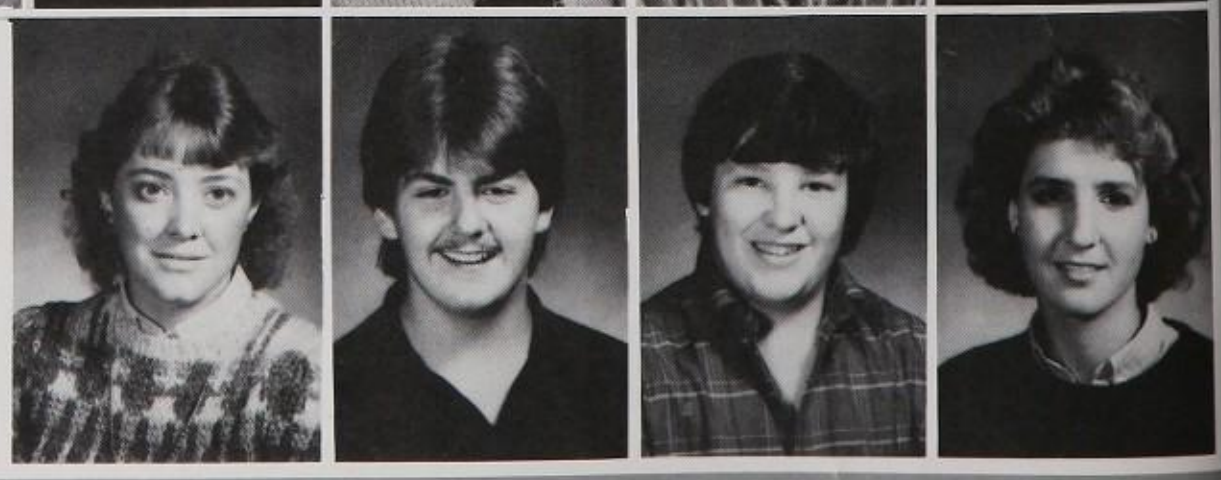


Someting NEW!!!

FRESHMEN

It was a first for the freshmen to enter into high school classes. "It was really scary at first but it was easy to get used to," said freshman Nikki Maynard. Even though they were the under classmen they did not let the other classes discourage them. They participated in the class competition at the Homecoming spirit week and did well. The Freshmen took part in all forms of school activity.

Kim Eby

Holding each other, arm in arm are freshmen Lex Hyre and Nikki Maynard, during the Homecoming dance.

Enjoying themselves while taking a break from dancing are freshmen Mandy Clanton, Andee Davis and Randy Vanover.

In step with the beat is freshman Heather Hawes during the Blazerettes halftime performance.

Freshmen Officers: President, Mike Roberts; Vice-President, Trish Howard; Treasurer, Stephanie Meyers and Secretary, Renee Burchett.

LAURISSA BESTER
BRAD BIBB
STACIE BIGGS
MIKE BLAKE
RYAN BLAKE

MICHELLE BLEVINS
SUSAN BLEVINS
VICKI BOGGS
NEIL BOND
MELISSA BOWMAN

DAVID BOYD
BETH BRADLEY
AMANDA BROWN
BECKY BROWN
ALLISON BROWNSTEAD

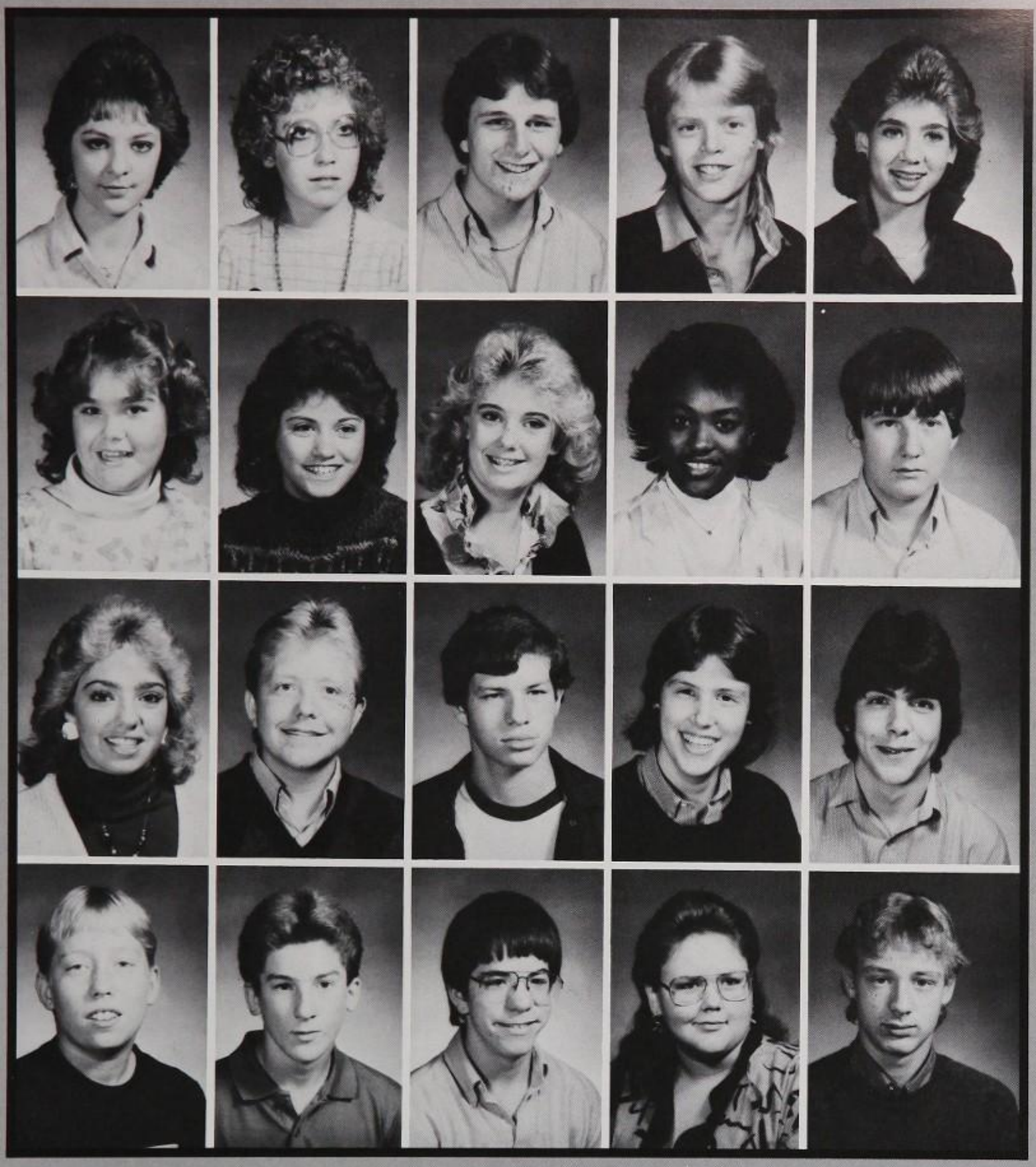
RENEE BURCHETT
TERRI BURCHETT
DEE BURGESS
GAIL BURNS
SHANON BUSH

"REALLY WORKING FOR THE GRADE"

Many of our students were involved in a different kind of school. This was vocational school, where students really work to get their credits. They have responsibilities to do many projects and learn the skills while doing them. The classes which were available for juniors and seniors included Commercial Foods, Drafting, Welding, Auto body Repair, Auto Mechanics, Machine Shop, Electricity, and Radio and T.V. repair.

Junior, Todd Lovins, states "I've found the carpentry class at vocational school very helpful and I'm learning a lot each day." Senior, Billie Ramey, says, "Vocational school is a good experience for those students who want to get a diploma in a certain field but can't go to college to get one. Vocational school prepares one for the future. Some courses even have on the job training."

G. G. Riffe



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ELAINE AKERS

MICHELLE ALEXANDER
SHERI ALLEN
JAN ALVEY
STEPHANIA ASBERRY
MICHAEL AUSTIN

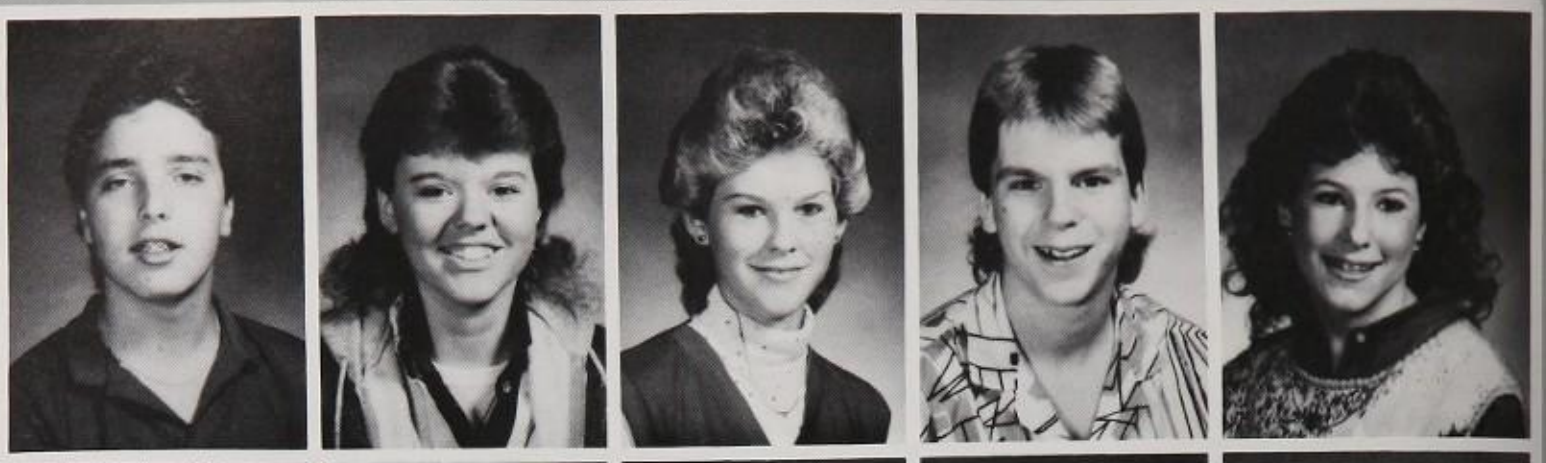
KARI BAER
MICHAEL BAKER
RAYMOND BAKER
ALISON BALES
JOHN BARKER

RICKY BARKER
TIM BEAM
SAM BEASON
CHARLOTTE BELILES
CHRIS BENNETT

Drafting in one of her vocational school classes is junior Tracey Stambaugh drawing on the finishing touches.

Catching up on their studies at Vocational School are seniors Gene Dobson, Ryan Harper, Bryan Campbell, and junior Brian Stambaugh.

MICHAEL CAHAL
TAMMY CAINES
TERRY CAMPBELL
TODD CAMPBELL
STACY CARTER



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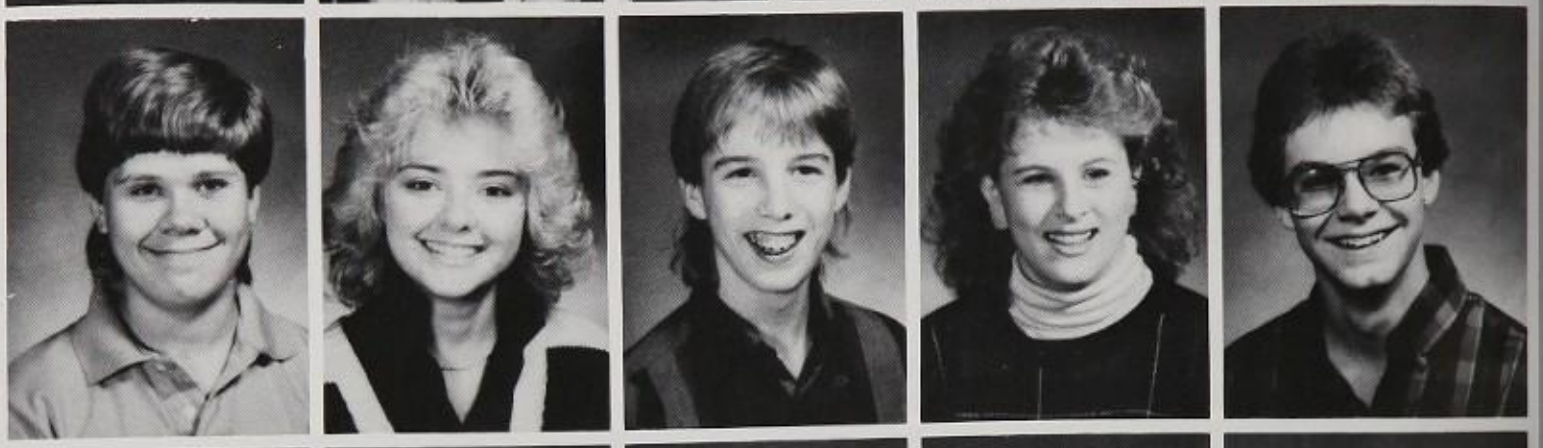

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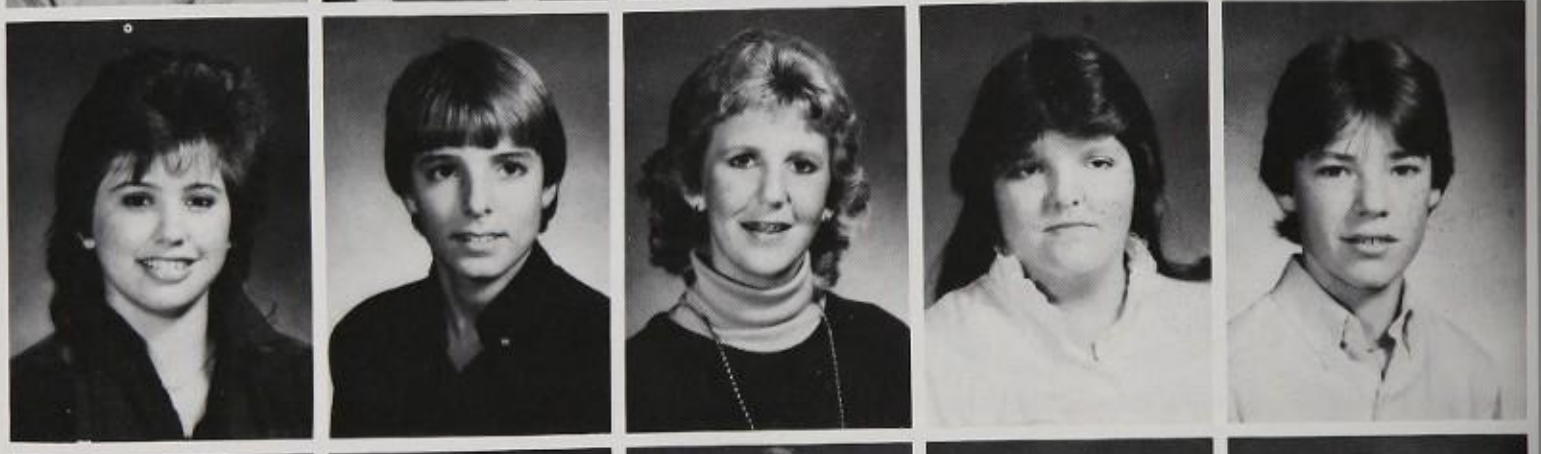

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DREMA COMBS
KIM CONN

ROBBY CONN
ROGER CONNER
SABRINA COUNTS
ERIC COX
ROBERT COX

DEBBIE CRUM
AMY DANIEL
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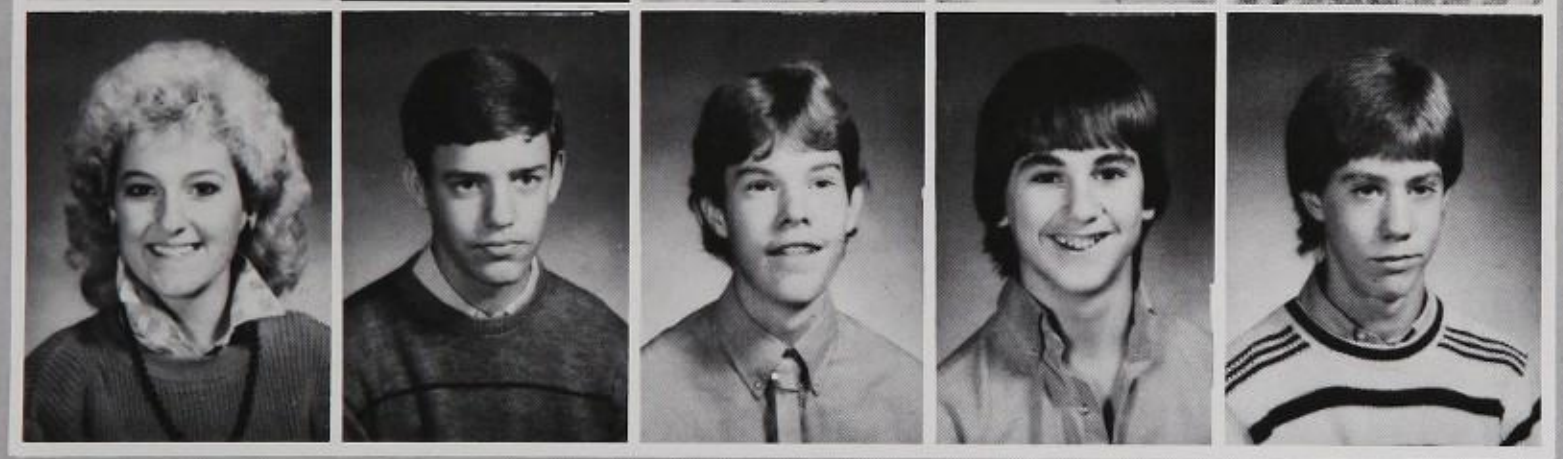


SUSAN DOWDY
STEPHEN DUNLEVY
JOEY EATON
RICHIE EDMOND
COLLIN ELAM

Enjoying a moment of slow music during the Homecoming Dance are many couples that have had a very exciting evening.

DRINKING IS NOT ALLOWED AT DANCES.

The Just For Fun Dance, held on January 11, was sponsored by National Honor Society. This dance was quite unusual from all the other dances because it almost cost Blazer students the rest of their dances for the year including Morp and Prom. All that because a few students were caught under the influence of alcohol and Mr. Riedel felt forced to take action so it wouldn't happen again. He gave the Blazer students an ultimatum and also had a special meeting with the most active members of the student council. The ultimatum was decided during the meeting with them and said that if a student was caught at any dance intoxicated, then all other dances were cancelled. With these precautions in mind, Junior Scott Wilson said, "I really think that this rule will make students aware of the consequences and so students drinking at dances should not be a problem."

Drexel McCalvin supplied the music, fog, and lights. It was a huge success for National Honor Society and the money they raised was used for the state-wide convention that was held in February and for the intoduction of new members in 1986. Senior member of National Honor Society Margaret Eaton said after the dance, "I was really pleased with the turnout since there was also a ski trip to compete with that same weekend. We made good profit and I think everyone had a good time."

Freshman Rogie Conner said, "I thought the dance was a lot of fun and we should have more of them because they are such good social events and everybody likes to dance."

Moving to the beat are juniors Debbie Riley and freshman Mike Rodman, David Patterson, and Amy Tullis.

BEN EVANS
DAVID EVANS
JOHANNA EVANS
HEATHER FAULKNER
DEBBIE FIELDS

NATALIE FIELDS
LORI FISHER
CINDY FLAUGHER
JAY FOLEY
JIMMY FOLEY

RICKY FRANCIS
JASON GANNON
JOHN GIFFORD
DWAYNE GILBERT
JEFF GILLEM

SAM GODBEY
ANN GREEN
KAREN GRIFFEY
GREG GRIFFITH
MATT GRIMM

BREAKING IN THE SUN

By springtime most students were anxiously awaiting the day they were able to relax in the sun and forget about school and homework. Many of these made plans to go to the beach, relatives houses, or just enjoying the things they normally can't do because of school.

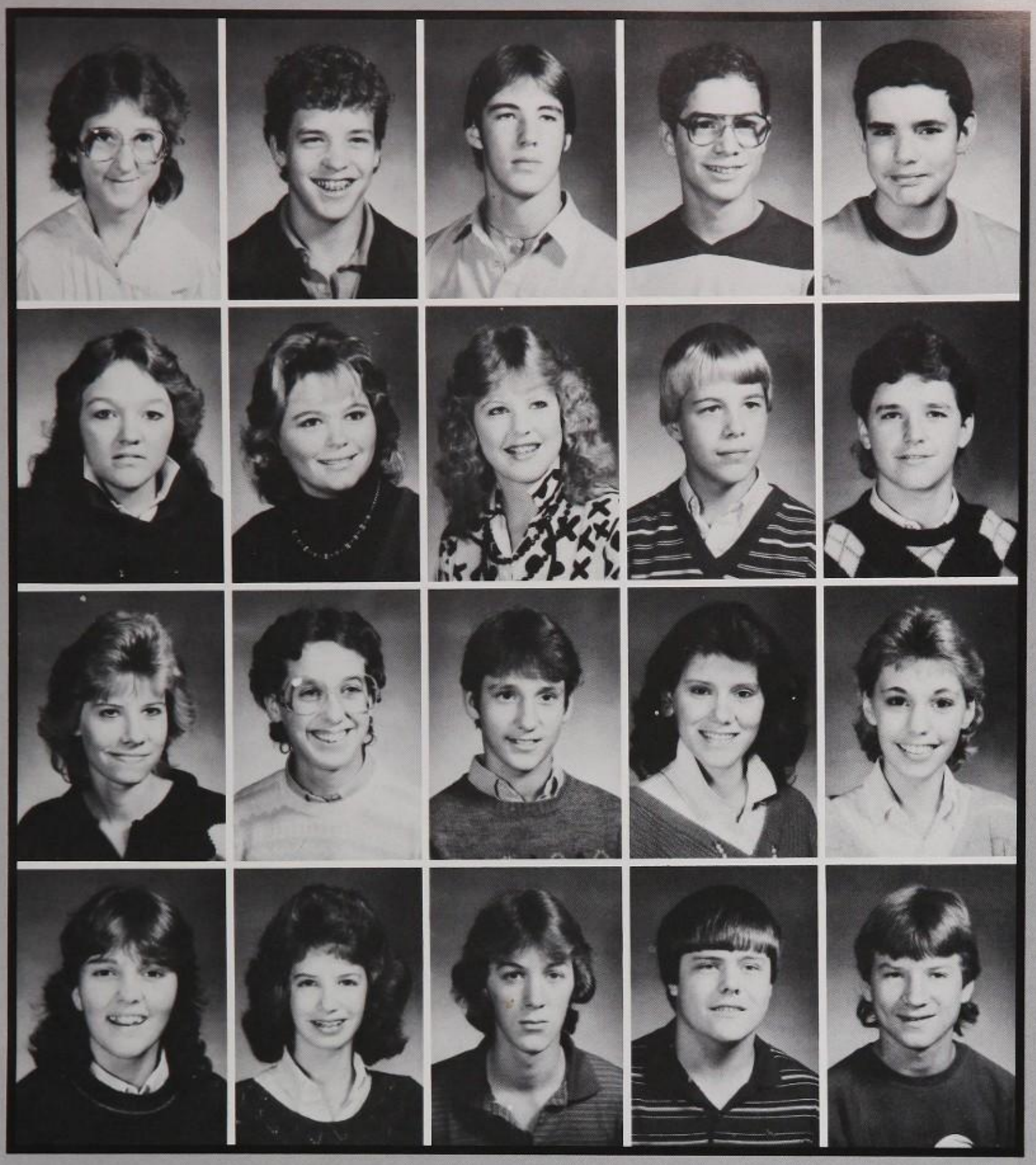
Myrtle Beach seemed to be the most talked about and the baseball team went to Cocoa Beach, Florida. For the less fortunate people who were saving their money for summer break, places like Grayson Lake, Greenbo Lake, and Carter Caves were frequented. Senior Barbara Stover said. "On my spring break I went camping, fishing, and hiking at Carter Caves for a week. I enjoy the outdoors and decided to spend my senior spring break the way I wanted."

With prom coming up, another way spring break was spent was looking for prom dresses at places such as the Huntington, Lexington, and Columbus Malls.

G. G. Riffe

Asking directions of a nearby surfer are two senior beach bunnies as they walk and work on their tans.

Discussing their plans as they leave school are senior Suzanne Justice, freshman Becky Senters, and senior Christy Briant.



ROSE GUTHIER
DARYL HACKWORTH
JASON HALL
LARRY HALL
ROBERT HALL

STELLA HALL
LISA HALLEY
LISA HAMILTON
BRIAN HANEY
DREW HANEY

CHRISSY HARDIN
AIMEE HARPER
DONNIE HART
CHERRIE HARVEY
TERESA HARVEY

JAMI HATFIELD
HEATHER HAWES
DANNY HENDERSON
PAUL HENSLEY
DAVID HICKS

Working on her tennis game and getting ready for her upcoming matches is senior Kim Eby during spring break.

Doing warm-up exercises before a game during spring break training are senior Rusty Blanton and junior Curt Clevenger.

WENDY HICKS
KIM HOBSTETTER
TINA HOFFMAN
CHRISTY HOMAN
TRICIA HOWARD

JOHN HOWES
JENNIFER HUANG
MIKE HUFFMAN
MELISSA HUGHES
MICHAEL HUGHES

LEX HYRE
BECKY ISON
MICHAEL JAQUES
STEVEN JENKINS
KIVA JOHNS

BRENT JOHNSON
JAMES JOHNSON
KELLY JOHNSON
MICHAEL JOHNSON
TAMMY JONES

GET IT WHILE YOU CAN

Due to minor difficulties, not many pep rallies were held before the games against our rivals. The ones that were held, were full of enthusiasm and lots of school spirit. Even the freshman class got the spirit when it came time for them to "stand up and holler." Freshman, Ashley Morgan said, "The school spirit needs to increase for sure. We should have a lot more maroon and white days and definitely more pep rallies. We had one week out of the year in which we could show spirit; it should have been a month of spirit. The pep rallies should be longer and we should have one every time any of our teams play a major rival not just when the cats play but when the kittens play also."

Sophomore, Julie Killin, said, "I think our school needs a lot more school spirit because we hardly ever have any pep rallies except when we play Boyd County and we have more rivals than just them."

During Spirit week, students dressed in hick clothes one day and maroon and white another day. There were activities throughout the week as well. These included, a tug-of-war competition between the classes, a tricycle race, a pie eating contest and a legs contest. It really helped bring out the spirit in the students. To top the week off, a carnival with food, entertainment, and races was held. Before the big game a bonfire brought out many students and adults to cheer the teams on to a victory.

Senior, Kevin Vasvary, said, "I think the senior class has the most spirit because we have more to be happy about. It's our last year and what a time to celebrate."

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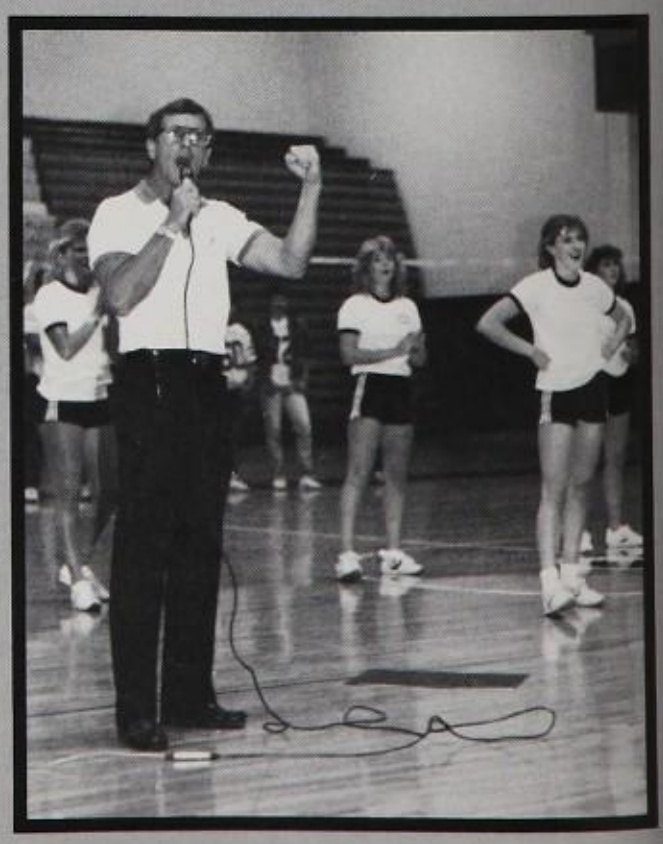

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CHRISTY JUSTICE
DANNY KELLEY
TRACEY KINNEY
BETH KLAIBER

CHRIS LEADER
MICHELLE LEADER
HEATHER LEAKE
ANDREA LEWIS
GINGER LEWIS

JACKIE LEWIS
LEE ANN LEWIS
FRANK LONG
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AMY LOWMAN

MICHELLE LUQUER
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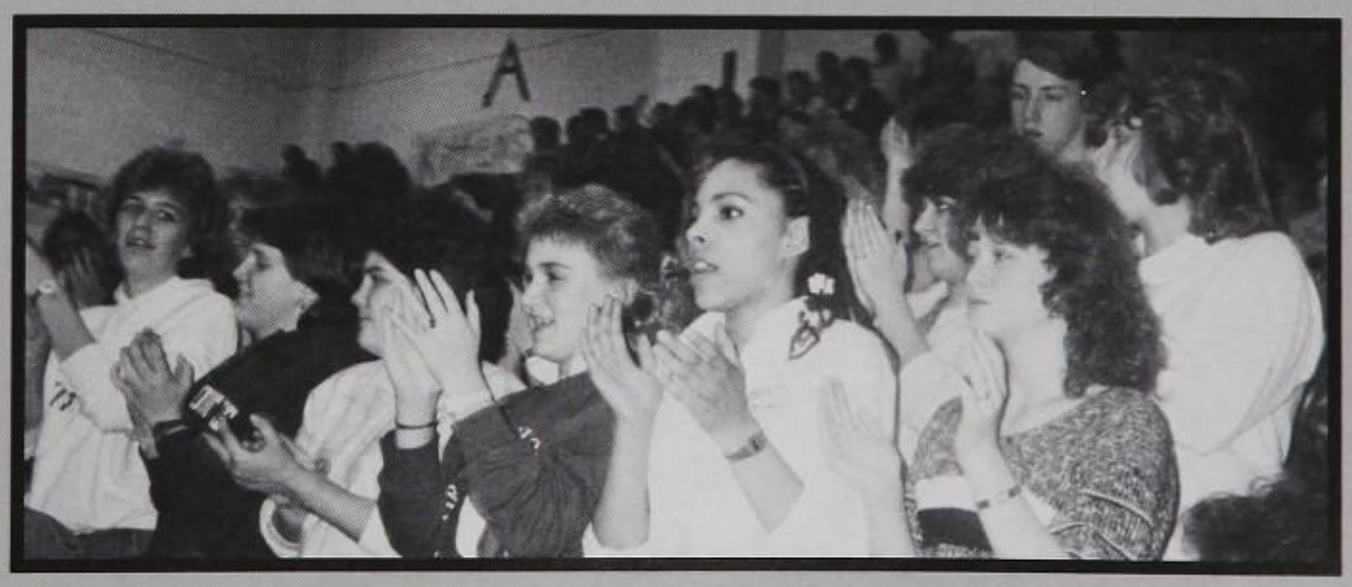
SHERRY MAY



Watching and cheering the team to victory are loyal Tomcat fans at a pep rally for the football game.

Arrousing the spirit of the Tomcat fans, Coach Marsh gives a victory yell during a pep rally.

Singing the fight song are freshmen Gretchen Neibeck, Allison Bales, Anne Greene, Stacie Biggs, Tina Thomas, and Drema Combs.

New Faces Bust Loose

Is Paul Blazer High School becoming a melting pot of students from all over the country? To see some of the new faces around campus one might think yes. With students from such states as Oklahoma, Florida and California, our country seems well represented.

Why is it that these students have chosen to come to Ashland? Granted, it is a growing community and has its share of necessities; a hospital, a high school, and a McDonald's.

Junior Dennis McCallister from California tells us that Ashland is "nice and calm" and "very traditional." Traditional in what sense, Dennis? In that we all don't lie around in hot tubs and eat sushi? That may be true but Dennis also warns that "sometimes tradition gets turned into a tiring circle."

So what's his point? Maybe once in a while we should break loose and bend a little, giving other things a try." That might perfectly describe what we all seek in Ashland and subsequently in Paul Blazer.

Paul Blazer as high schools go traditionally, is known for its academic achievement in capturing trophies from academic competitions and graduates a high percentage of seniors into excellent colleges and successful careers. On the other hand, if one just wants to kick back there are pep rallies, dances and football and basketball games.

So then that may be the answer. While it is the academics that attracts students here it is the fun events that keeps them here. Go ahead and study but don't be afraid to "bust loose" now and then. For all you students from other states, we're glad to have you here! We only ask that you remember that high school doesn't have to be just pencils and books and fun just doesn't have to be going to McDonald's

Cathy Stavros

NIKKI MAYNARD
PAT McBRIDE
ROBIN McCANN
JOEY McDOWELL
JASON McGUIRE

DARIN McKENZIE
JAMES McKENZIE
JAMA McPEEK
GINA MEADE
DIANE MEADOWS

ROY MEDLEY
BECKY MENSHOUSE
REBECCA MESSER
STEPHANIE MEYERS
STEVEN MOATZ

DEWAYNE MOORE
STEPHEN MOORE
ASHLEY MORGAN
COREY MULLINS
SHANNON MULLINS

Looking at her new schedule for her first year at Paul G. Blazer is junior Anne Marie Queen.

Playing his trumpet in the Ashland Tomcat Marching Band during a football game is junior Chris Milam.

Reflecting on the events of her past year at Paul G. Blazer High School is junior Karen Meade.

LISA NAZELROD
GRETCHEN NEUBECK
JOETTA NEWMAN
FELICHIA NICHOLS
MICHELLE NUNLEY

COLLEEN O'PELL
BECKY OWEN
SCOTT PARK
DAVID PATTERSON
TRACY PATTON

KIM PAYNE
LEIGH PAYNE
TAMMY PERKINS
ERIC PERSINGER
JAMES PETERMAN

CHRIS PRATER
JIMMY PRICE
IAN PRUITT
AARON PULLEM
SHANNON RADJUNAS

JILL RAMEY
DEBBIE RANKIN
DANNY RATLIFF
APRIL RAYBOURN
DAVID REDMAN

ANGIE REED
AMY REYNOLDS
MELISSA RICE
ROBIN RICE
CHRIS RIFFE

MARK ROBERTS
MARK ROBERTS
MIKE ROBERTS
SHELLEY ROBERTS
MATT RODMAN

MIKE RODMAN
RON RODMAN
DENNY ROSS
HEATHER RUSSELL
BOBBY SALLIE

HONORING TOP 10%

After working hard for 11 years, 14 juniors were honored by the academic Boosters Club in their Senior Salute Program.

In the spring of their junior year, students with a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher were eligible to apply. Juniors had to fill out a long application answering questions about their school, church, and civic activities they had participated in during their high school years.

Juniors were then selected by a citizens committee. Decisions were based solely on the students applications. Once chosen, the 14 juniors went to Winnie Greer's photography studio. The pictures taken were unrealed at the A.B.C. banquet in May. The pictures were then displayed throughout the next year in different businesses and establishments in the Ashland area.

Pictures were also put on the back of the programs for home football and basketball games. The program gives recognition to area students who work hard for their good grades and civic duty projects.

"I was really surprised that I was chosen. I think Senior Salute is a good program. It gives recognition to academic students who have worked hard to get where they are," stated Senior Salute recipient Mori Boggs.

This years Senior Salute winners were; Dana Ausbun, Mori Boggs, Robin Brown, Allison Cooper, Ed Davis, Kelly Ennis, Cathy Heald, Gayle Moatz, Kelley Patterson, Tim Quade, Kim Rodman, Kevin Savage, Alysa Stephens and Ish Stevens.

Performing a rifle routine during halftime of a football game is Senior Salute recipient Allison Cooper.

MITCH SALMON
KIM SALYERS
CHARLES SCAFF
BUTCH SCARBERRY
JEFF SCHENKER

BERNIDA SCITES
MICHAEL SEBRIGHT
BECKY SENTERS
TONYA SEXTON
ERICH SIEBEL

ADAM SIMPSON
KELLY SINGLETON
KELLY SLONE
MICHAEL SLONE
CARLA SMITH

CARLA SMITH
DARRELL SMITH
CHRIS SOLOGIC
EMERSON STAMBAUGH

Listening informatively to a lecture given by Mr. Trabandt during their American History class are Senior Salute recipients Ed Davis, Mori Boggs, Alysa Stephens, Kelly Patterson, and Kevin Savage.

Setting herself up for a strike during a class trip to the bowling alley is Senior Salute recipient Dana Ausbun.

MONICA STEVENSON
JENNY STOVER
DAN STROTHER
TINA SULLIVAN
MATT SUMAN

CHARLIE TACKETT
ERIC THOMAS
TINA THOMAS
HOPE THOMPSON
VIVIAN THOMPSON

JIM TOY
TRENT TRULE
BILL TUSSEY
VANESSA TWINAM
JOE VALENCOURT

ANY VALENTINE
RANDY VANOVER
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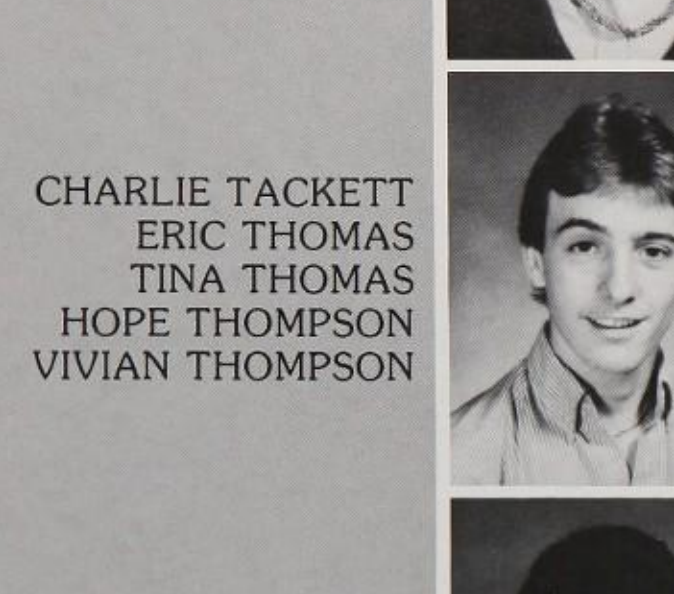
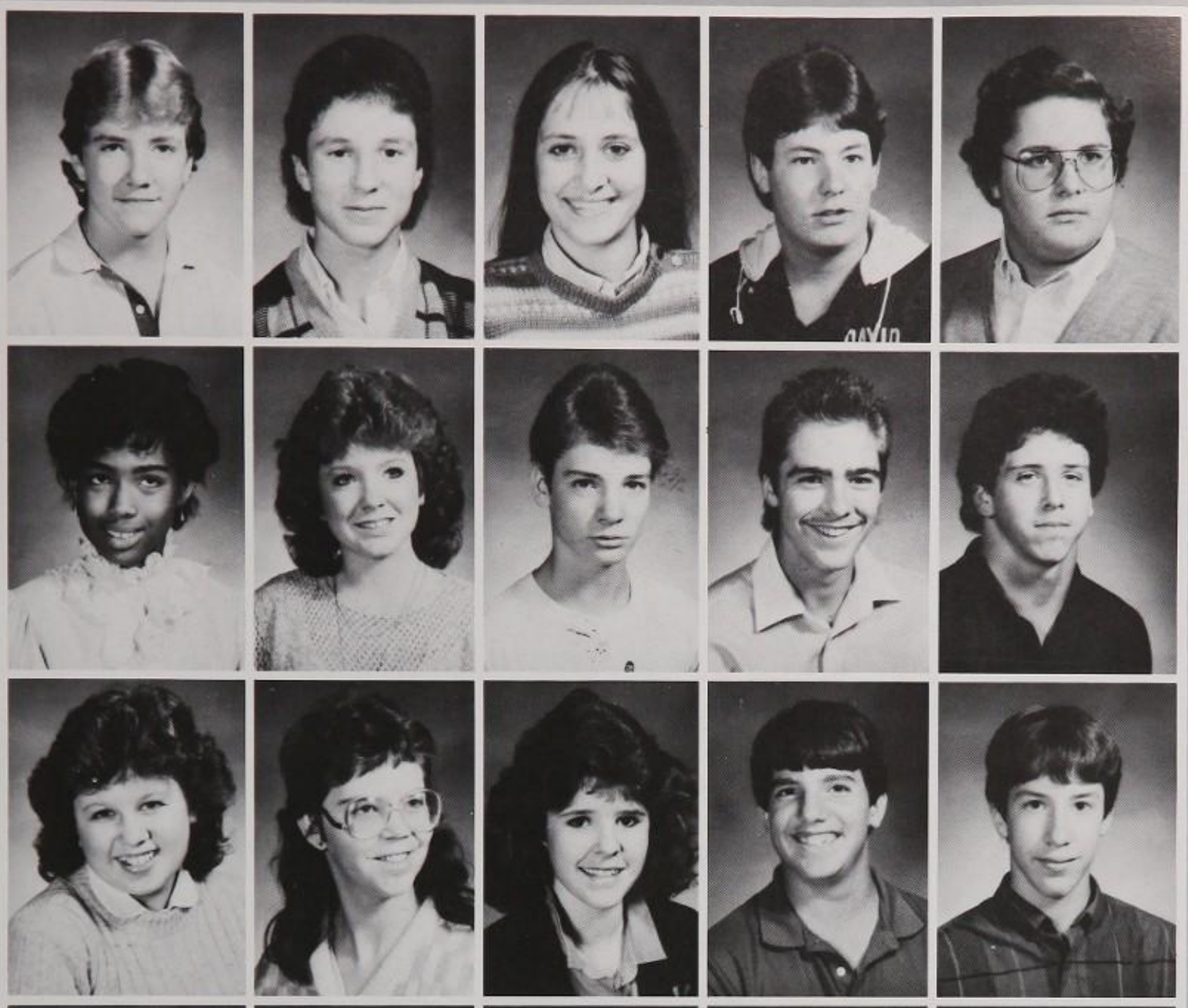
GENE VAUGHN
FRIEDA VEST



Dancing to the beat of "Old Time Rock N' Roll" at the JA banquet are juniors Lisa Fahrson and Brian Shanks.

Working towards perfection to complete a set of glasses from Crystal Graphics are juniors Brian Shanks, Lisa Farhson, and Marc Vonderhide.



SHANE WAGNER
MARK WALLACE
JENNIFER WARD
DAVID WELLS
PHILLIP WESSELL

SAVONDA WEST
STEPHANIE WHEATLEY
ROBERT WHITE
DAVID WHITT
NICKY WHITT

RHONDA WILEY
ANGELA WILKS
JENNIFER WILLIAMS
MATT WILLIS
TIM WILSON

JENNY WISEMAN
JEFF WOLF
MARLAS WRIGHT
JACKIE WYLIE
MINDY WYLIE

Laughing and talking at the annual JA banquet held at the El Hasa Shriners are juniors Cathy Stavros and Mark Vonderhide.

EARNING WHILE LEARNING

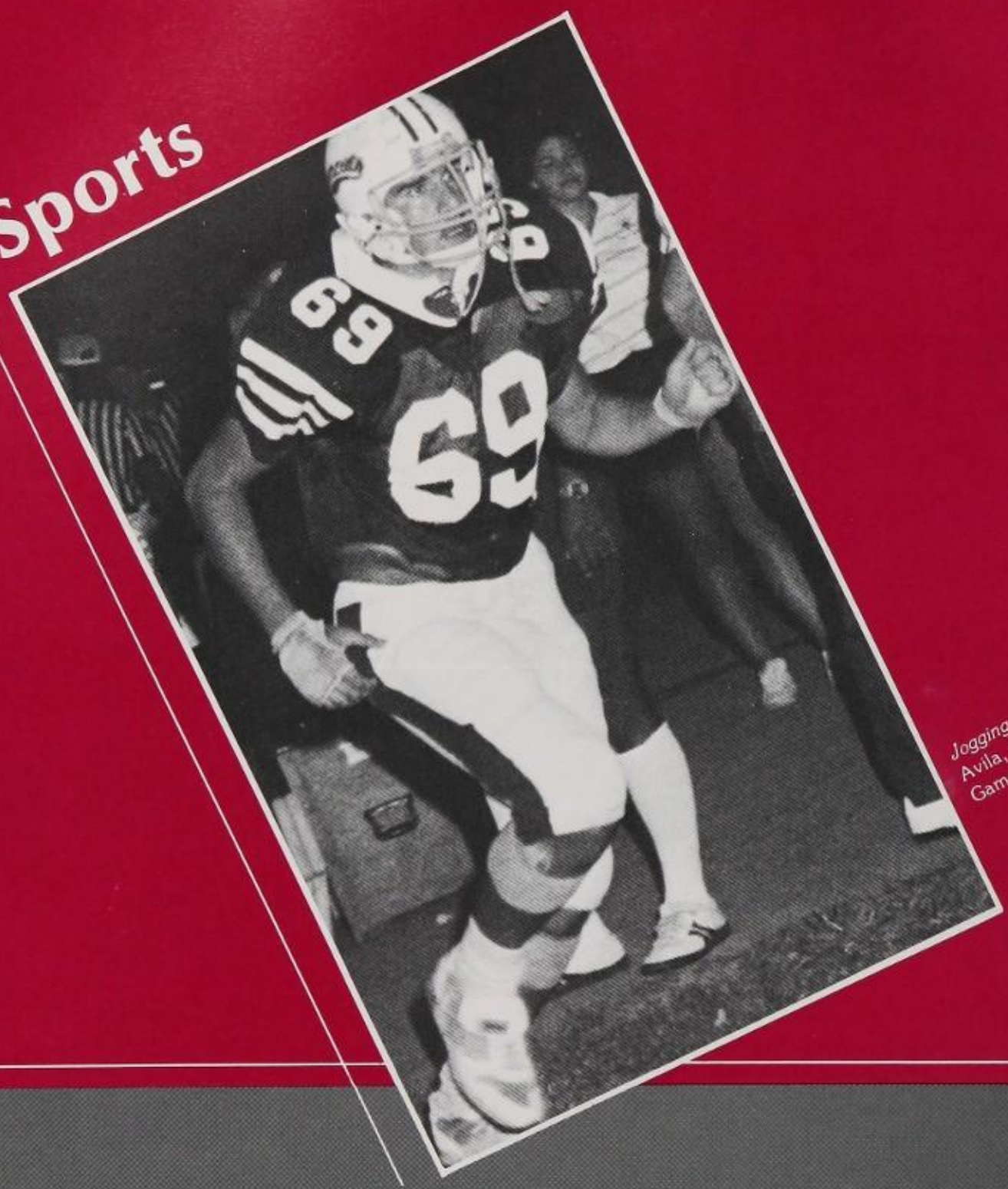
Junior Achievement, or as most people call it JA, is an organization in which students learn how a business is run while receiving salaries based on hourly wages and commission. JA ended this year's companies with a banquet and a dance at the El Hasa Shrine Temple.

"We Don't Care Bears" sponsored by Armco won company of the year award, the top award for a company. Summarizing her two years in JA, Senior Stephanie Miller reported "I really enjoyed being in JA it has really helped me alot because it teaches you how to run a business and that is an advantage for me because that is the field I want to go into."

There were several other JA awards given out: the Rags to Riches award was won by Calgon Carbon Corporation. There were many contest finalist and Blazer students took home many of the awards. Junior Teri Stambaugh from Luminox won second place for Vice-President Personnel and Corporate Secretary, and third place for Best Salesperson. Sophomore Susan Ferreby from We Don't Care Bears won second place for Vice-President of Finance, Junior Brian Shanks from Crystal Graphics won second place for Vice-President of Production, Senior Doris Hall from Crystal Graphics won third place for Outstanding Young Business Person and Junior Cathy Stavros won third place for the Best Speech Contest on "Exploring New Horizons." After the banquet and dance Junior Lisa Farson from Crystal Graphics stated, "In JA you learn how a business is run and how products are produced. You also meet new friends from other schools. It is a lot of fun."

Cathy Stavros

Sports



Jogging onto the field is sophomore Joe Avila, after halftime of the Homecoming Game.

THE SPORTING LIFE

Offering a variety

The variety of sports, that the atheltic program provided, allowed many students to become involved.

The season began with Football, Volleyball, Cross Country and Swimming leading into Basketball, Tennis and Golf. Each of these sports helped raise our school spirit by allowing the spectators to get involved. Pep rallies were held successfully in leading the teams to victory.

This was a year to be proud of our school because each of the teams excelled in their sport. Not only in competition but in spirit too.

Adjusting the tape on the volleyball net before a game are seniors Kim Eby, Angela Burchett, Anita Sebright and Donna Davis.

Making his way to the basket senior Tyler McCallister takes the ball to the floor.

Shooting from a distance junior Robin Brown guides the ball into the basket for another two points.

FOOTBALL

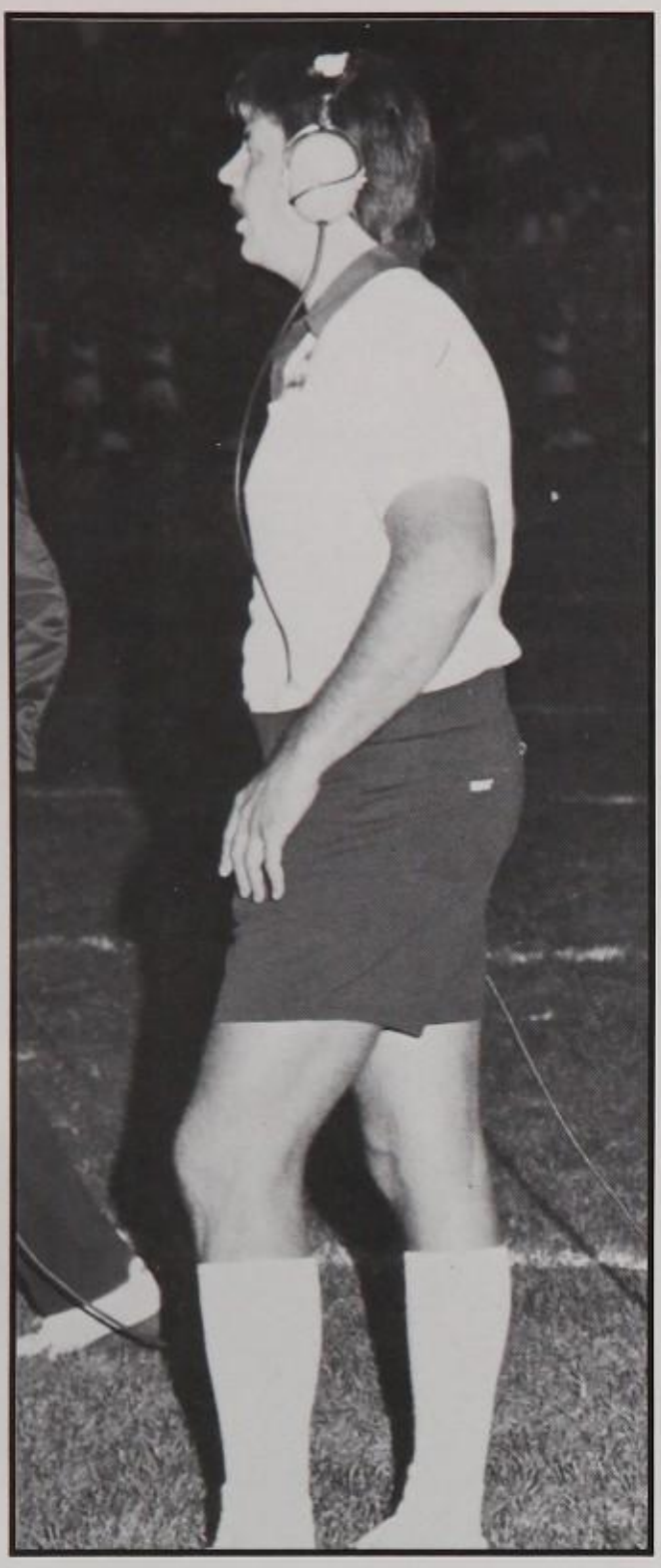
Senior John Johnson tackling a Boyd Co. player. This was the first Ashland-Boyd Co. game, it was played at Putnam Stadium.

Juniors Scott Kiser and Tyler Prince showing their excitement with a high five sign. The Tomcats went on to win 27-6.

TEAM	WE	THEY
Russell	14	6
Boyd County	14	29
Greenup County	16	6
Portsmouth	0	7
Ironton	0	32
Russell	14	0
Russell	8	6
Fleming County	14	6

Attempting to run a touchdown is senior Kent Feazell. The Tomcats defeated the Musketeers in overtime.

Togetherness Works!

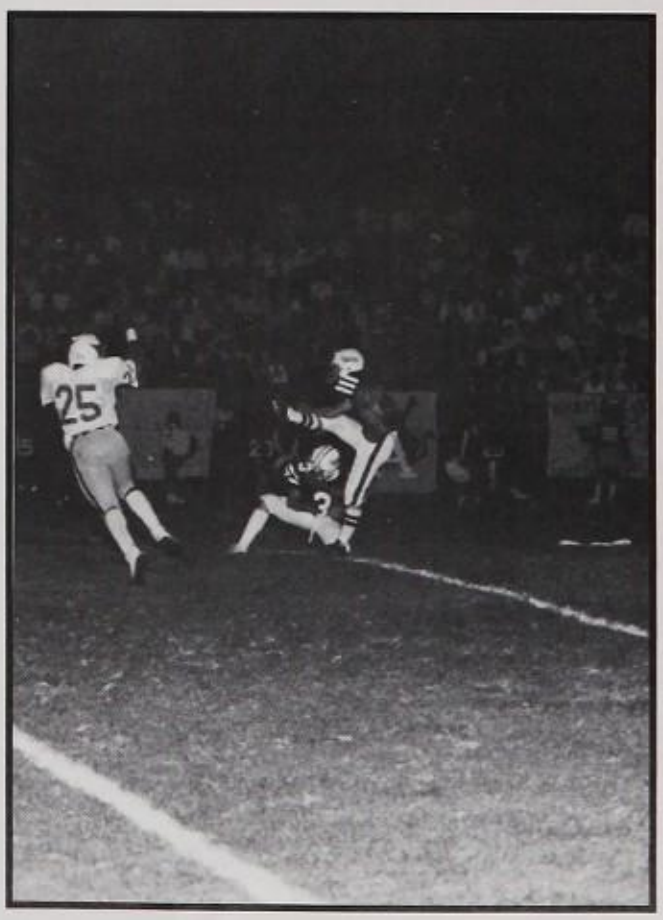


The third largest activity at football camp is an initiation for first year campers. Many future sophomores and juniors were cautious when opening their doors or even going around corners, for fear of being bombarded with shaving creme! Practices were a series of cut downs coming from seniors to underclassmen. Even the trainers got into the act by slipping some vaseline into the mouth pieces! The joking was all in fun, and helped to make the team work closer and better together. The grande finale of camp was the talent show, which the seniors put together. All the first year campers participated. Dwight Blair and Shawn Boggs stunned their audience with their "break dancing", and Bryan Bearhart and Tony Johnson surprised everyone with their rendition of "Ebony and Ivory"! Junior, Scott Kiser said this about camp; "Football camp is an experience I'll never forget, especially the running and practical jokes. I'm always getting into trouble with Coach Marsha and what's worse, I've got another year to go!" Football camp is a good idea, it helps the coaches and the team be a more productive ball club.

Looking on the field while coaching, warmblooded Assistant Coach Randy Heaberlin always wore shorts to the game.

Stopping the opponents are sophomore Joe Avila and seniors John Johnson and Toby Tolbert; as senior David Gifford looks on.

Blocking the Boyd Co. line are seniors, Steve Dempsey and junior Walter Thomas, while senior, Kent Fazell runs the ball.

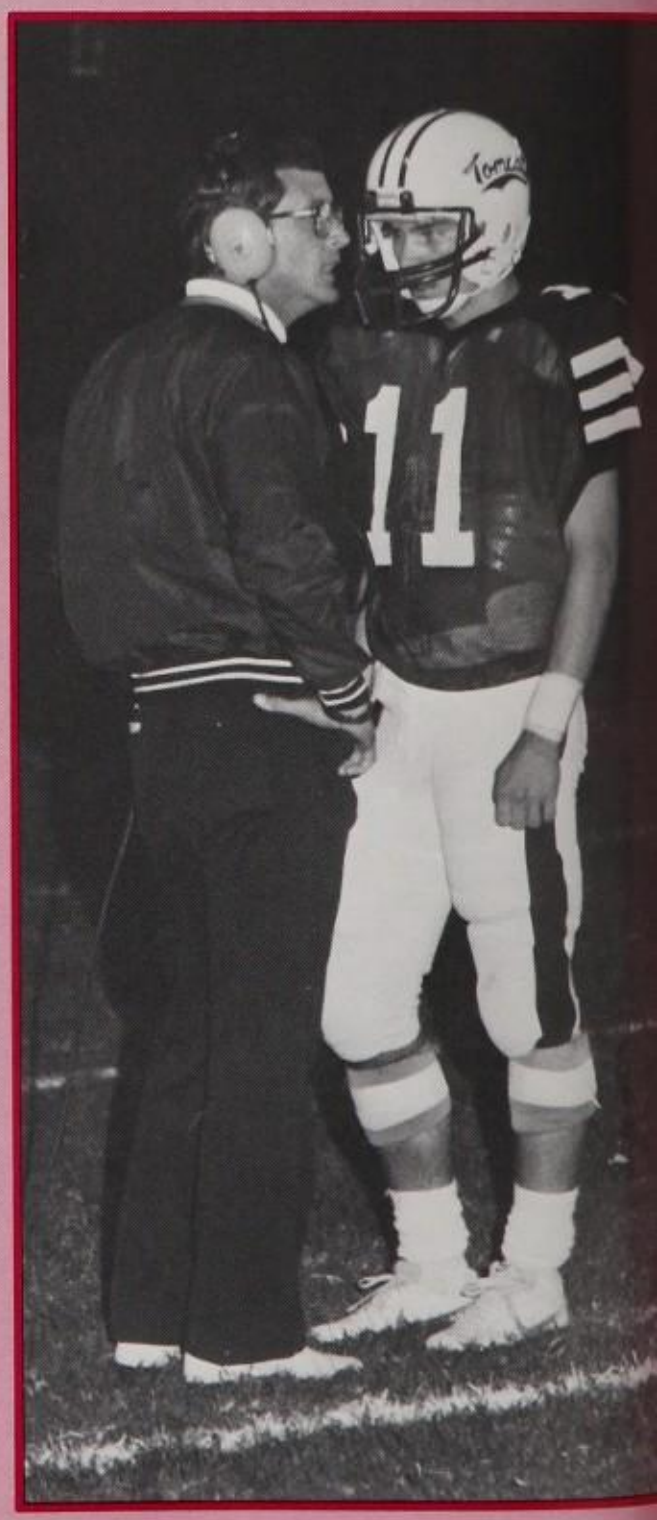


Kicking for the extra point is senior Bill McKinney. Bill also played on the Tomcat soccer team.

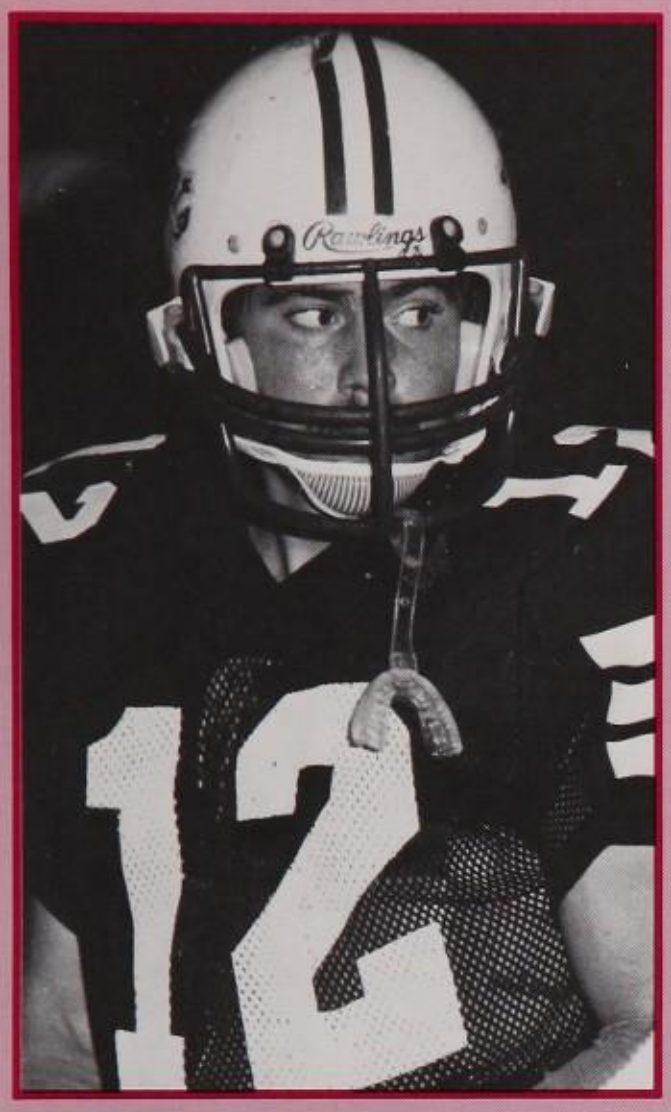
FOOTBALL

Intecepting a pass against our opponents, Greenup Co., is junior Chris Forte. The Tomcats went on to win the game, 12-6.

During a time out, senior quarterback Wes Morrison and Coach Vic Marsh discuss offensive strategies for the next play.



	WE	THEY
Lawrence Co.	30	14
Henry Clay	12	7
Greenup	12	6
Boyd Co.	15	20
Clark Co.	27	6
Ironton	64	21
Portsmouth	13	22
Russell	16	8
Montgomery Co.	20	7
Bryan Station	12	0
Boyd Co.	14	6
Boone Co.	6	35



Outstanding Varsity

The 1985 Tomcats had a successful year. Practice began on July 19th for the Football team: 1 week in shorts; 1 week with 2 practices a day, 2 hours each; 1 week of camp, with 3 practices per day, 2 hours each; and 2 weeks of practice after camp until game time. The cats finished their regular season with a record 8 wins and 3 losses. As the Cats packed up in buses, supplied by the Booster Club, and headed for the first game of the regional playoffs against Boone Co., spirits were high. Although the Cats lost, many team members received special honors, among them was senior John Holmes. John received All-Area, All-Conference, and First Team All-State honors. David Gifford, Kent Feazell, and Todd Craig were the other seniors receiving All-Conference as well as junior Tyler Prince and sophomore Joe Avila. All-Area honors went to seniors Toby Tolbert, John Johnson, Kent Feazell, and David Gifford, also sophomore Joe Avila. Wes Morrison had a total of 1300 yds. for defense - 1000 yds. passing, 300 yds. rushing, he also had 51% completions.

David Gifford had 600 total yds. receiving and a 17.6 yd. average per game. Kent Feazell was this years leading scorer, with 1200 yds. rushing and a 4.5 yd. average per game. Coach Marsh summed up the year with this statement, "One, I felt we achieved more then most people thought we would; Two, I was disappointed we lost the playoffs. Three, I was proud of the number of players that learned to love the game, that came through our program."

Taking a break from the action, senior Ken Feazell keeps an eye on his teammates still in the game.

Pulling a Greenup Co. player to the ground is senior Jeff Koontz as senior John Johnson and junior Walter Thomas rush for an assist.

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Bottom row: Scott Greene, Michelle Carley, Angela DeZarn, Heather Thayer, Mark Fisher, Geg Griffith, Cheryl Hutt, Melissa McClain, Heather Morgan, Stacey Henry, Scott Marsh. Row two: Jason Harris, Dwight Blair, Steve Blake, Todd Henry, James Jordan, Tobey Tolbert, Tony Johnson, Bryon Qualls, Chris Ronay, Chris Forte, Jeff Koontz, Robby Rhodes. Row three: Ronnie Quillen, Kent Feazell, Tim Nelson, Wes Morrison, Scott Keifer, Jim Murphy, Shawn Boggs, Scott Kiser, John Johnson. Row four: Mike Hogsten, Mark Miller, Chris Eby, Jerry Morrison, Brett Blackwelder, Kevin Riley, Scott Neill, Bryan Gearhart, Walter Thomas, Tyler Prince. Row five: Barry Stewart, John Holmes, David Gifford, Joe Broughton, Chad Salyers, Todd Craig, Joe Avila, Don Bester, Steve Dempsey, Mike Carley, Brett Henry.

Helping Hands

Student athletic trainers have a very important part in the success of the athletic program at Blazer. While the athletes and coaches are busy thinking about the strategy of their game, the trainers work to make things easier. They wrap ankles, aid an injury or provide water for a thirsty player.

The trainer's job begins in early August when the football team begins practice here at Blazer. But the trainer's job doesn't end when football season is over. The trainers help out in other sports at Blazer such as girls and boys basketball, girls volleyball, wrestling, and track. Junior Heather Morgan stated that being a trainer allowed her to get close to the athletes and learn more about treating a sports related injury.

The trainers job is over for the year in the spring when track season is over. But only after a few months they are ready for football season again.

Trainer Angela DeZarn gives senior Don Bester some water on the sideline during the Ashland-Boyd County game.

Having his ankle checked during the Homecoming game by trainer Scott Carpenter is sophomore Joe Avila.

Giving the team some water at a time out is trainers junior Heather Morgan and sophomore Kerry Vanhoose.

Marking off the finish line for a relay race are seniors Jill Blankenship and Anita Sebright.

Square dancing with sophomore Chris Meinfelter is senior Melissa McClain during their gym class.

SENIOR LEADERS: Row One - Suzanne Justice, Donna Davis, Toby Tolbert, Mary Walters, Cheri DePriest, Anita Sebright. Row Two - Jodi Williams, Beth Haney, Kim Eby, Michelle Moore, Jeanie Gray. Row Three - Candi Canafax, Jill Blankenship, Melissa McClain, Pam Bowman, Teresa Savage, Jane Compton. Row Four - Angelia Burchett, Shawn Conley, Kevin Riley, Tim Nelson, Wesley Morrison, Jeff Koontz. Row Five - Steve Vanover, David Rice, Scott Kirk, David Gifford, Rusty Blanton, Mark Miller, Jerry Morrison. Row Six - Bryan Estep, Mike McCall.

Seniors Take Charge

Taking charge is part of the Seniors job during their last year. One way the Seniors take charge is being Senior Leaders for all the gym classes. They are to assist the gym teachers in activities that the classes participate in and provide leadership within those classes. These seniors get opportunities in participating in another year of gym class and are provided with leadership abilities that are as important in education as learning math, History, or a foreign language from a book. How do seniors get this opportunity? During scheduling their junior year they can apply with Mrs. Meyers, who will give them a form to be completed and turned in to her. If this is approved and it can be worked into your schedule then you can experience the fun, dedication, and responsibility of becoming a Senior Leader.

Senior Leader activities and duties require things such as putting on a record for square dancing, like David Rice; marking the floor, like Jill Blankenship and Anita Sebright; making the calls for a volleyball game, like Wesley Morrison, or really getting into the swing of things, such as Melissa McClain, as she dances with a student in the class.

Preparing to start the music for a gym class that is square dancing is senior David Rice.

"Side Out," says senior Wesley Morrison as he instructs the gym class in a lesson on volleyball.

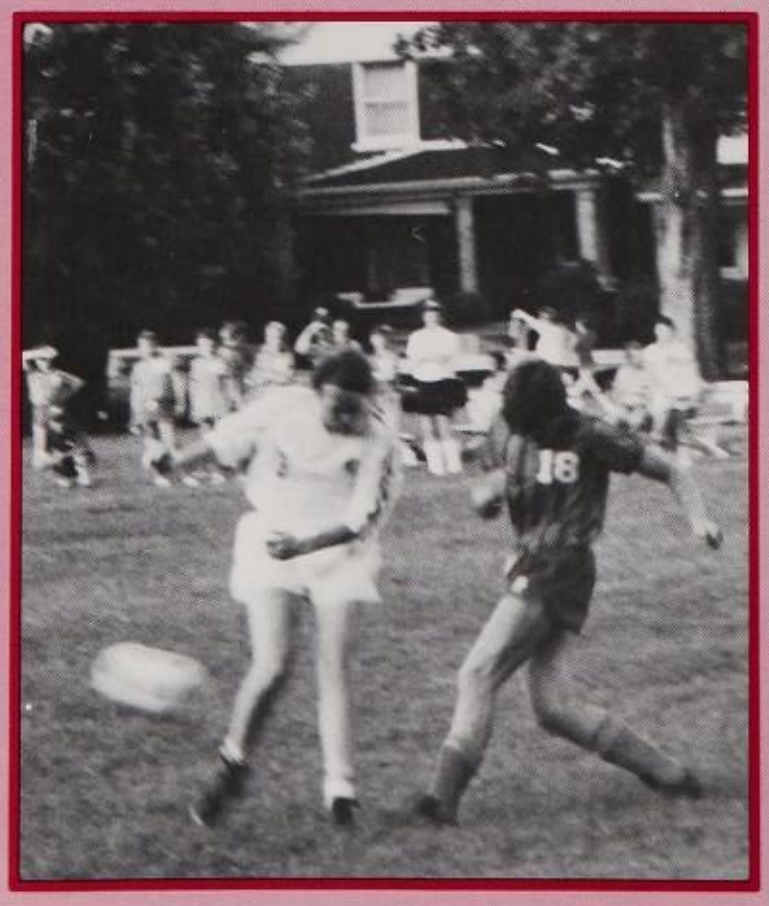
SOCCER

Schedule Cut

This year the newly formed Tomcat Soccer team wasn't on the road as much as last year. Their schedule was shortened to one-half the length of the previous year. Many of the team members were glad because it gave them more time to work on academics as well as time to relax.

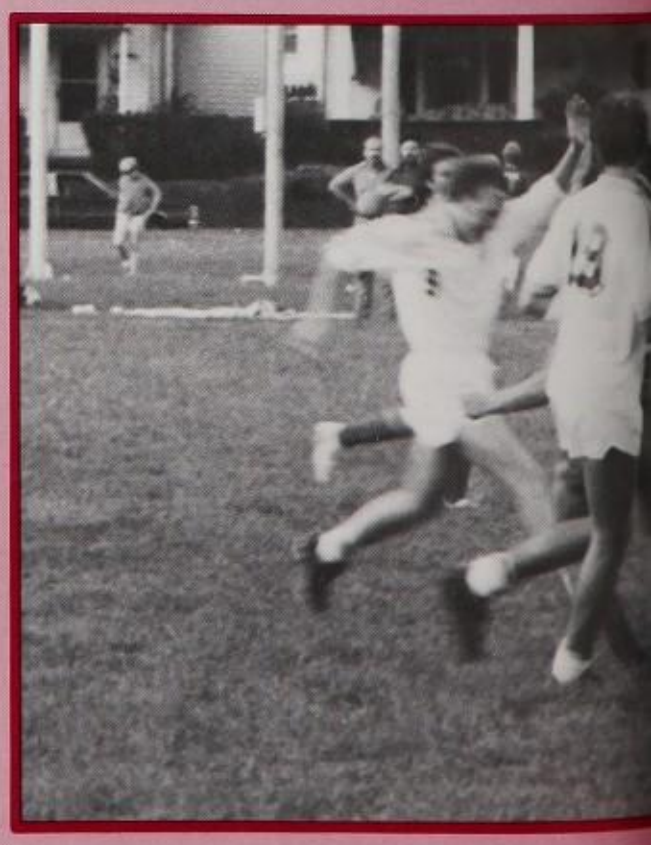
The Tomcats received new waterproof warm-up and new team shirts. The Most Valuable Player (MVP), Bill McKinney, was also the leading scorer with a total of 47 points. The Tomcat's record for the season was 10 wins, 6 losses, and 2 tied games. Practices were held after school for about an hour and a half in order for the members to perfect their game skills, passes, and headers. The soccer team is proving themselves to be worthy of everyone's respect and admiration.

Attempting a shot which was deflected by a Clay County player is senior Jon Goolsby who also plays baseball for the Tomcats.



Challenging a Clay Co. player is senior Rick Long. Rick has been with the Blazer team for two years.

Showing his form while attempting a "header" is junior David Castle. Although David was injured, he did see a lot of action.

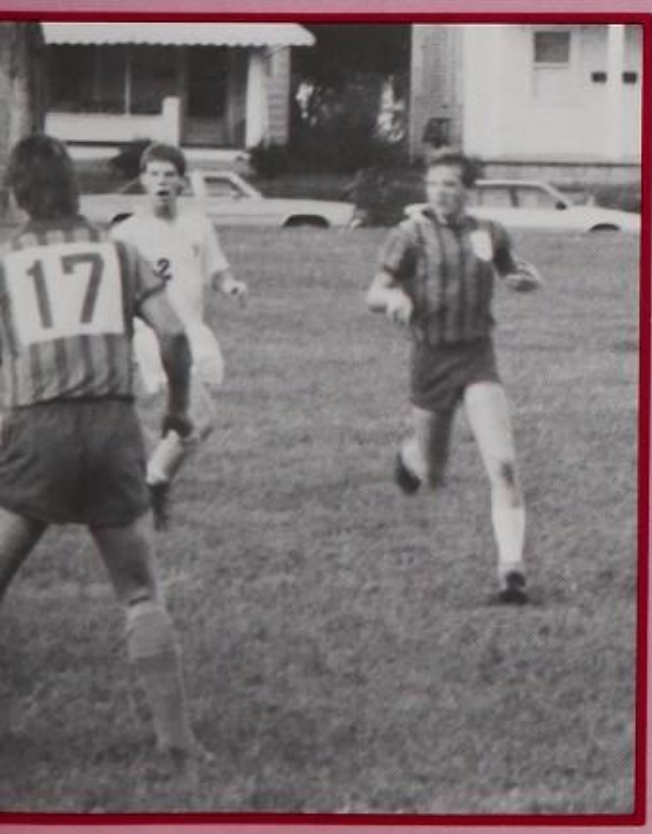


Row one: Michael Sebright, Shane Wilson, Terrelli Foley, David Castle, David Patterson, Mark Wallace, Brent Shattles. Mid: Bill Hale, Michael Moore, Jeff Crace, Will Tanner, Cavan McCann, Rusty Wiseman, Doug Sparks, Alan York, Doug McKinney. Back: Jeff Palmeter, Bill McKinney, Rick Long, Tim Grizzle, Rob Ray, Jon Goolsby, Chris Howell

"I thought we had a very successful season, and it was the first time that we had a chance to go to state."

David Castle

Attempting a "header" is senior Tim Grizzle. Tim shows great style, even though he is a first year player.



Getting into the action are seniors Rick Long and Tim Grizzle, as senior Chris Howell is awaiting a pass.

Firing in a goal against Clay Co. is team captain, senior Bill McKinney. The Tomcats went on to win 6-0.

Team	We	They
S. Charleston	3	3
Portsmouth Clay	6	0
Wayne	2	3
Buffalo-Wayne	6	2
New Boston	0	1
Minford	2	3
Portsmouth Valley	4	2
Huntington High	2	2
Rowan Co	8	0
Buffalo-Wayne	7	1
Minford	1	0
Huntington Vinson	2	1
Wayne	1	5
Portsmouth Valley	4	1
Portsmouth Clay	1	3
Rowan Co.	1	0
Montgomery Co.	2	7
New Boston	2	1
Montgomery Co.	0	4

CROSS COUNTRY

Running through Wildwood Park, junior Mike Brown strives for the top of the hill before crossing the finish line.

Searching for a lost runner, team members and coach Mike Stanley anxiously await his arrival.

Running track Cross Country Style

An old sport returned to Blazer High School this year after taking a four to five year reprieve - Cross Country. The coach of the team was Mike Stanley, also a teach here at the high school. The assistant coach was Dan Marsh.

Cross Country is a sport with a track influence, it consists of running a three-mile race at every meet. "What is meant by cross country is running through woods and across open field", Coach Stanley stated. It is a one race event competing against other schools in meets held at Wildwood Park.

Training for this years team was a trial and error situation because it was the first year. Practice consisted of running six miles on road. Coach Stanley said that training this year was mainly distance work and next years team can expect more sprint work.

During the season the only failing points of this year's team were injuries that accounted for less team effort in the meets and having less team effort makes it more difficult to outweigh other schools.

Coach Stanley commented that for the first year it was a successful year although we didn't win any meets, "it was a successful in that everybody improved. It you can finish with five runners the first year then you are successful and that is what we did."

This year's team members were Senior Eddie Barker, Junior Mike Brown, Sophomores Andrew Foster and Ricky Barker, Freshman Tim Wilson, and Matt Wilson and Billy Martin; both eighth grade participants from Verity.

Trying to catch up with a Boyd County runner, freshman Tim Wilson gives an extra effort during a meet.

Cross Country Team: First Row - Ricky Barker, Tim Wilson, Andrew Foster, Matt Wilson, Second row - Billy Martin, Eddie Barker, Mike Brown, Coach Mike Stanley.

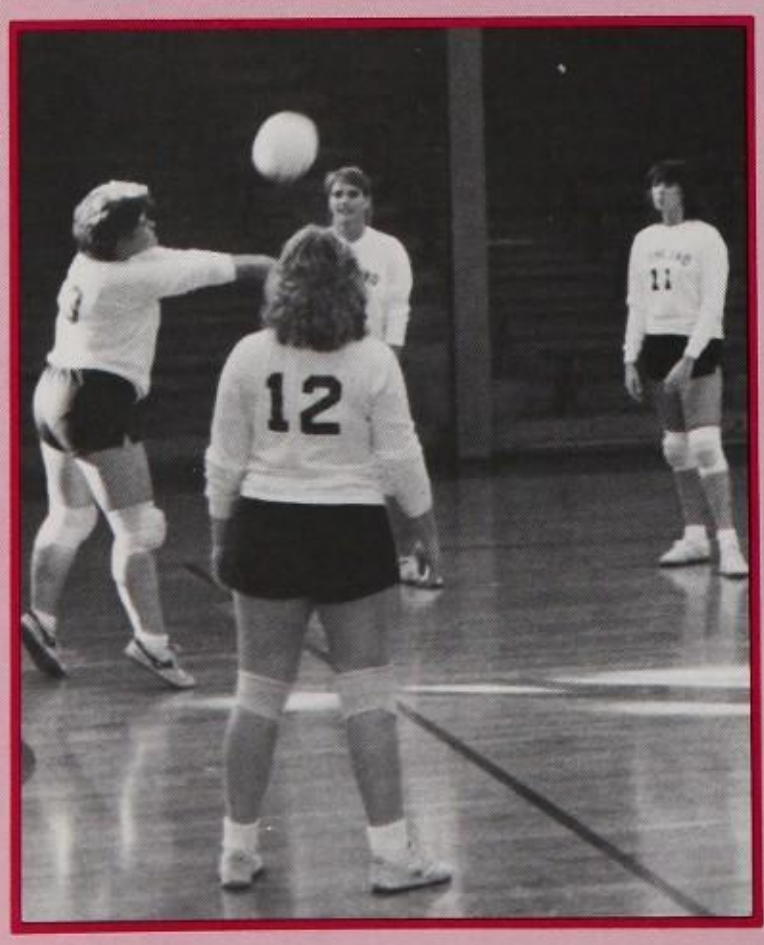
Kittens excel!!

The first volleyball practices began two weeks before the first game. The kittens practiced for about one and a half hours before going home. The Kittens consisted of thirteen members including the junior varsity. In order to raise money, the team spent a weekend at Hawk's Nest, Mrs. Pack's home. There they worked in shifts to make applebutter. Although the preparation of the applebutter was hard work, the girls had a good time and raised money from the sales of their product.

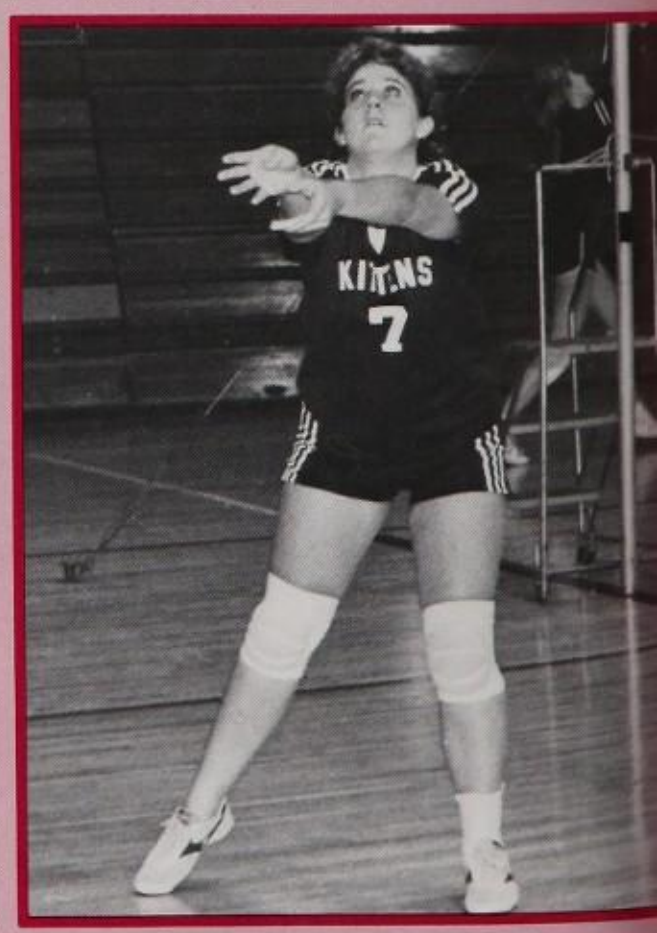
The Kittens played in regionals in Lexington. They were the first runner-up to Woodford Co. Three seniors made the All-Star team. They included Michelle Moore, Amy Wolfe, and Kim Eby. Kim also received M.V.P.

Caught up in the emotion of placing runners up in the regional tournament in Lexington are Mrs. Pack and senior Kim Eby.

Pausing during a break in the action are seniors Kim Eby and Michelle Moore. The Kittens were playing Coal Grove.



Passing the volleyball to senior teammates Kim Eby, Angelia Burchett, and Amy Wolfe, is senior Jeannie Gray.



Bumping the ball during warmups, before a game is senior Michelle Moore. Michelle received honors at the regional tournament.

Bump passing the ball to a teammate during warmups is senior Donna Davis. Donna was a valuable and important player this year.

WINS AND LOSSES	
Coal Grove	lost
Ironton	lost
Coal Grove	lost
Rowan Co.	won
Oneida Baptist	won
Rowan Co.	won
Coal Grove	lost
South Point	won
Oneida Baptist	won
Rowan Co.	won
Chesapeake	won
Coal Grove	won
REGIONALS	
Oneida Baptist	won
Rowan Co.	won
Woodford Co.	lost

*Regional Runners Up

Receiving their awards for most valuable players are senior Kim Eby and a Woodford Co. player.

Listening intently for instructions from Mrs. Pack are seniors Donna Davis and Kim Eby. These were crucial moments in a game.

Holding the lid on a large vat of applebutter is junior Valerie Leaver. Sales of this product helped to raise funds.

Row one: Donna Davis, Anita Sebright, Renee Burchett. Row two: Angela Spradlin, Jeannie Gray, Michelle Moore, Amy Wolfe, Donna Ison, Carrie Huber. Row Three: Cheryl Hutt, Amanda Smith, Simone Steinwick, Valerie Leaver, Row four: Mrs. Pack, Kim Eby, Angelia Burchett, Stacey Henry, Pam Bowman.

BASKETBALL

ALMOST!!!

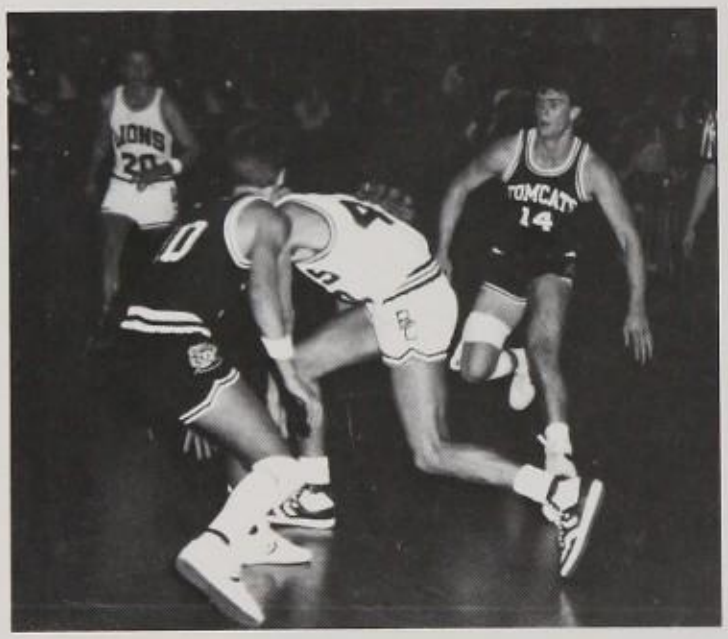
The Varsity Tomcats, nobody does it better and that is no exception when it comes to basketball. This year's team proved to be successful as a lot of hard work and dedication paid off. The boys didn't get as far as they would have liked to this year, but displayed excellent team effort and made the Tomcat spirit come alive.

This year's starting line-up included Shawn Conley, David Gifford, Rece Ryan, Tyler McCallister, and Joe Avila, head coach Craynor Slone made it all happen. It is clear to see that as well as in past years these boys work well as a team and produced for a successful season.

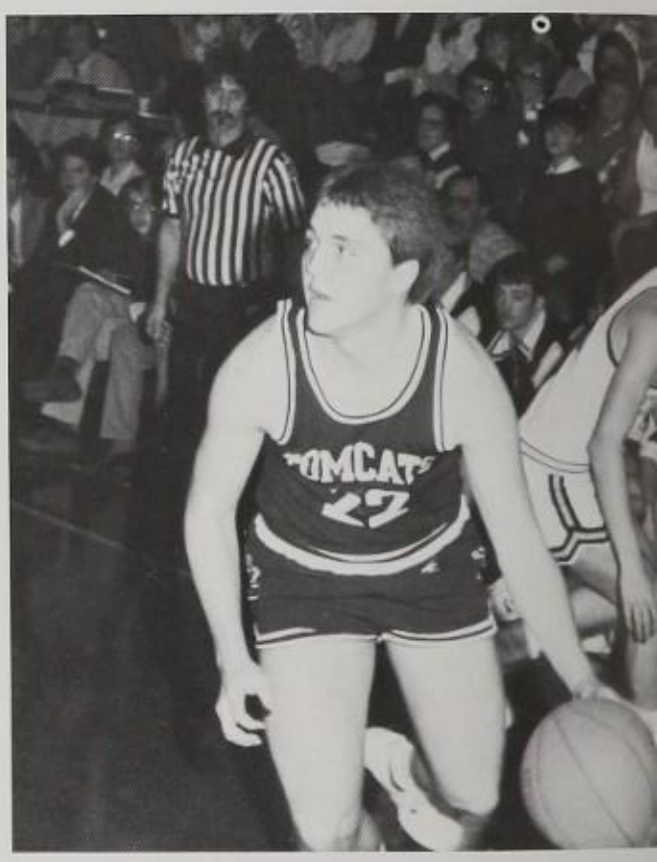
In the action of the game the team worked the ball around and made the sure shots at the right time, taking no chances on forcing a turnover or getting a blocked shot. They had their heads in the game and their hands on the ball. Making sure you know what you want before you execute a play is very important, and keeping a good control pattern with the ball is also important if you want to gain points. As well as the offense, the defense match-ups and zones gave to the Tomcats blocked shots, steals, and turnovers.

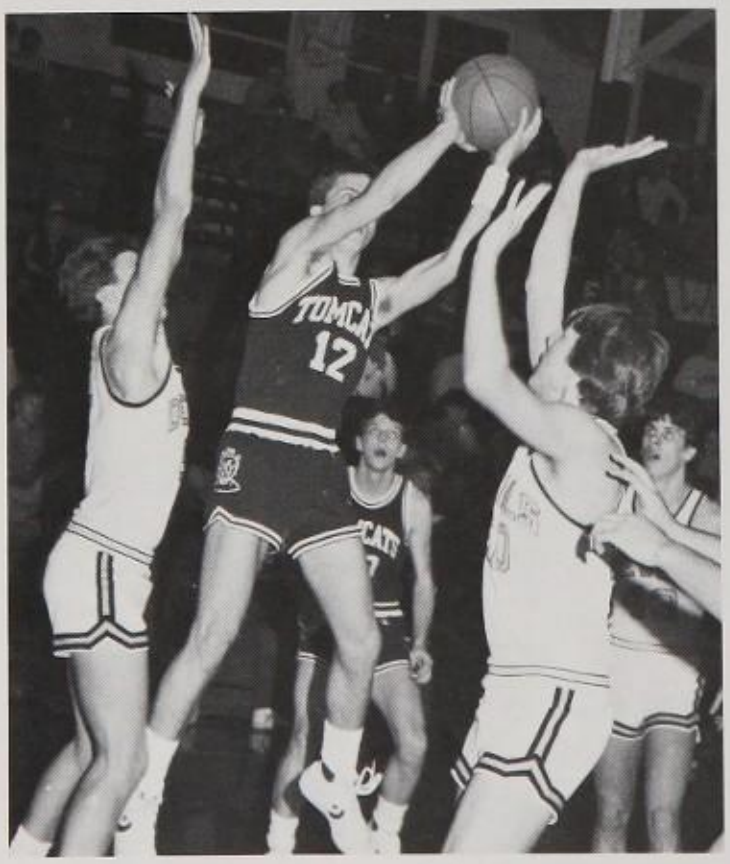
The Tomcat varsity basketball team certainly proved to be no exception to the lasting tradition of spirit, enthusiasm, and most important . . . results.

Attempting to steal the ball away from a Boyd County player is senior Shawn Conley as senior David Gifford looks on.



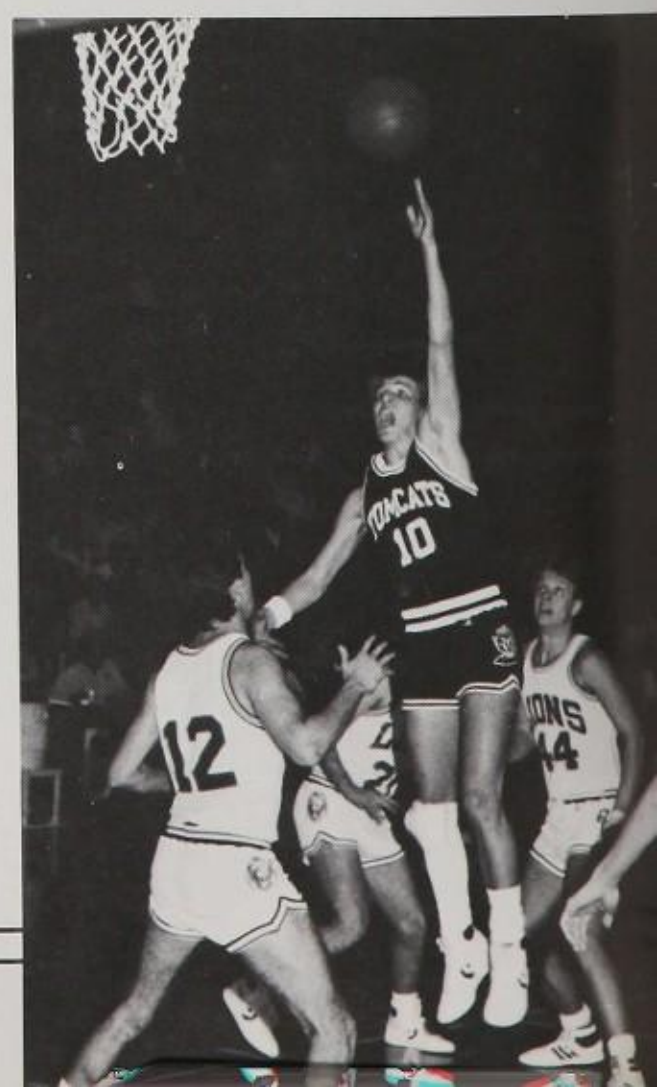
Driving for a basket is senior Rece Ryan during the Ashland-Russell game. Ashland went on to defeat Russell.

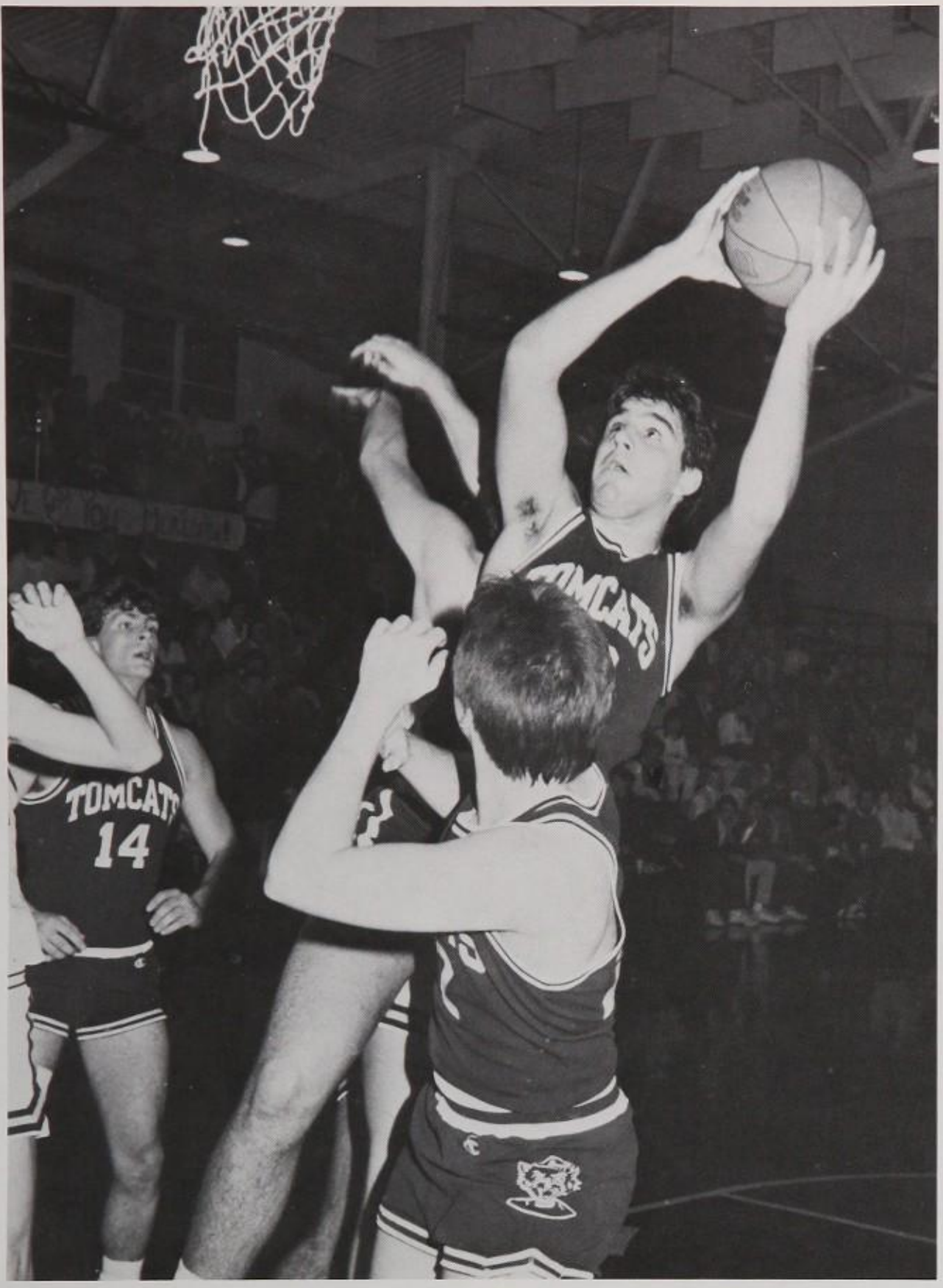




Setting up for a basket against the Russell defense is senior guard Tyler McCallister.

Soaring over the heads of the Boyd Vounty defense is senior guard Shawn Conley as he tries for another 2 points for the Tomcats.





With eyes on the backboard, sophomore Joe Avila prepares to shoot during the Ashland-Russell game.

Dribbling down the floor to make a basket is senior Shawn Conley as he goes by a Boyd County player.

The Varsity team listens carefully to the instructions from Coach Craynor Sloan during the Ashland-Lawrence County game.

VARSITY BASKETBALL: Seated - Phillip Wessel, Mgr.; Darrell Smith, Mgr. Row One-Alan Stringer, Mgr.; David Castle, David Gifford, Joe Avila, Rece Ryan, Rusty Blanton, Mark Salyers, Steve Vanover, Mgr. Row Two - Jerry Umberger, Assistant Coach; Shawn Conley, Jeff Conley, Brian Rice, Tyler McCallister, Tim Gray, Dereck Ryan, Ted Hall, Matt Aspden, Terrelli Foley, Craynor Sloan, Head Coach; Dave Proctor, Head Trainer.

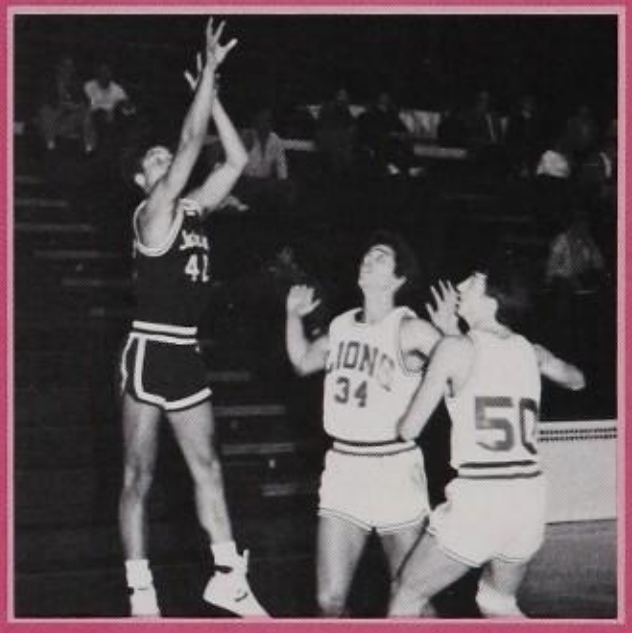
BASKETBALL

Receiving a treatment from sports medicine director David Proctor on his wrist is junior Tim Gray.

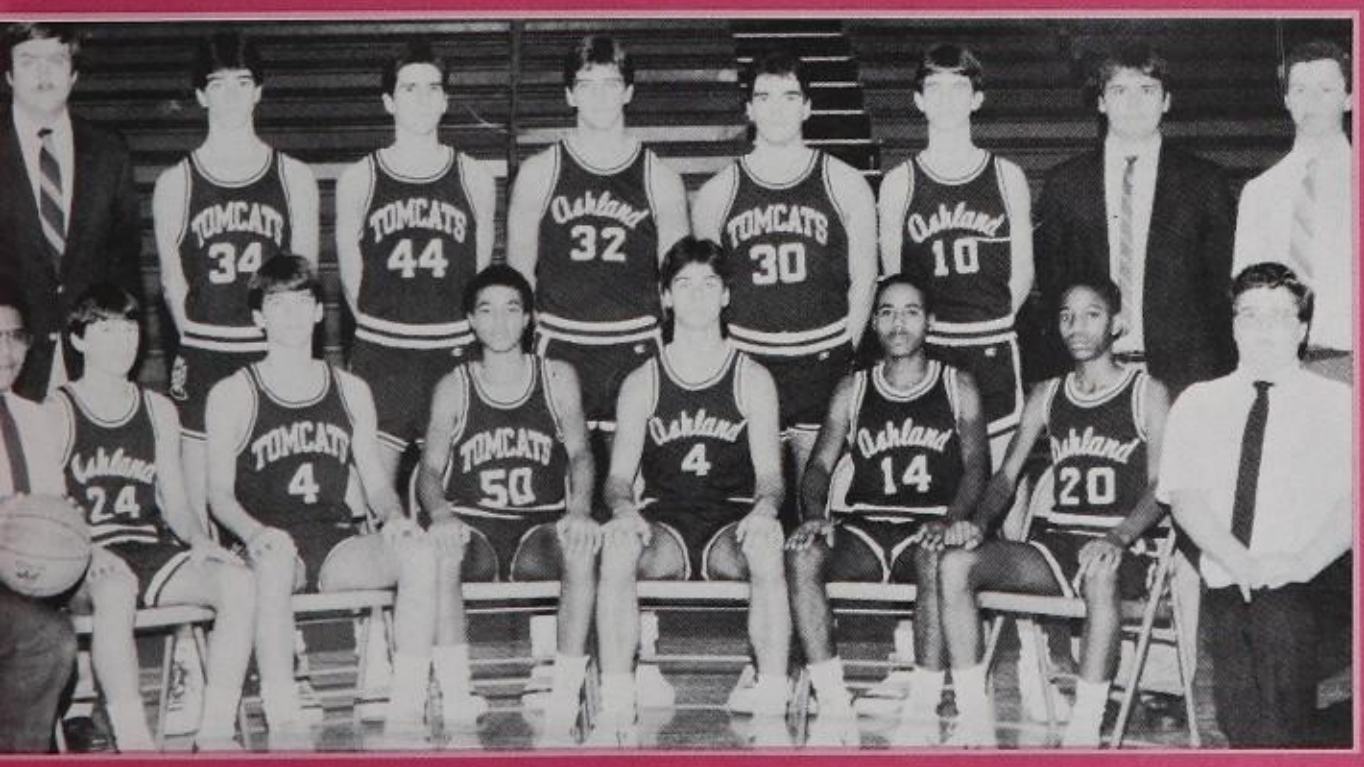
Attempting to block a shot against a Boyd County player is junior Terrelli Foley a guard for the Ashland Junior Varsity team.

Pulling down a rebound during an Ashland-Boyd County away game is sophomore Chris Pullem.

Taking control of the ball, sophomore Ted Hall dribbles down the court and around the opposing players.



Making a shot from outside is sophomore Jeff Conley as he attempts two points for a win in the game.



FRESHMAN: Row One - Todd Clinger, Tim Wilson, Johnny Gifford, Adam Simpson, Mike Johnson, Jay Foley. Row Two - Loren Ledford, Coach: Lex Hyre, Darin McKenzie, Aaron Pullem, Jason Hall, Shane Wagner, Mike Stanley, Coach.

JUNIOR VARSITY: Row One - Darrell Smith, Mgr.: Phillip Clark, Matt Aspden, Terrelli Foley, Jeff Conley, William Blake, Elliot Caggins, Phillip Wessell, Mgr. Row Two - Jerry Umberger, Coach: Mark Salyers, Tim Gray, Chris Pullem, David Castle, Ted Hall, Alan Stringer, Mgr.; Steve Vanover, Mgr.

BASKETBALL

To the Top

"All the way to State" was the goal the Kittens set for themselves early in the season.

This was the year for the Kittens. With new coach Connei Ryan instructing and guiding the Kittens they were off to a good start. The team practiced every day after school and most weekends. They had it together. Ending the season with a 20-9 record, they captured the District with a 62-40 victory over Boyd Co. The Kittens overcame; Lewis Co. 62-51, Morgan Co. 68-48 and Rowan Co. 58-50. On to state at Western Kentucky University. The Kittens were defeated by Mason Co. during their first game 52-62. "Our team was to nervous and excited to play our usual game, but we will be ready next year," said junior Angie Johnson. The Kittens ended the season with these accomplishments: 16th Regional Champions - 64th District Champions - Ohio/Kentucky Athletic Conference Champions - Ironton Tournament Conference Runner-ups - and Shawnee Classic Runner-up.

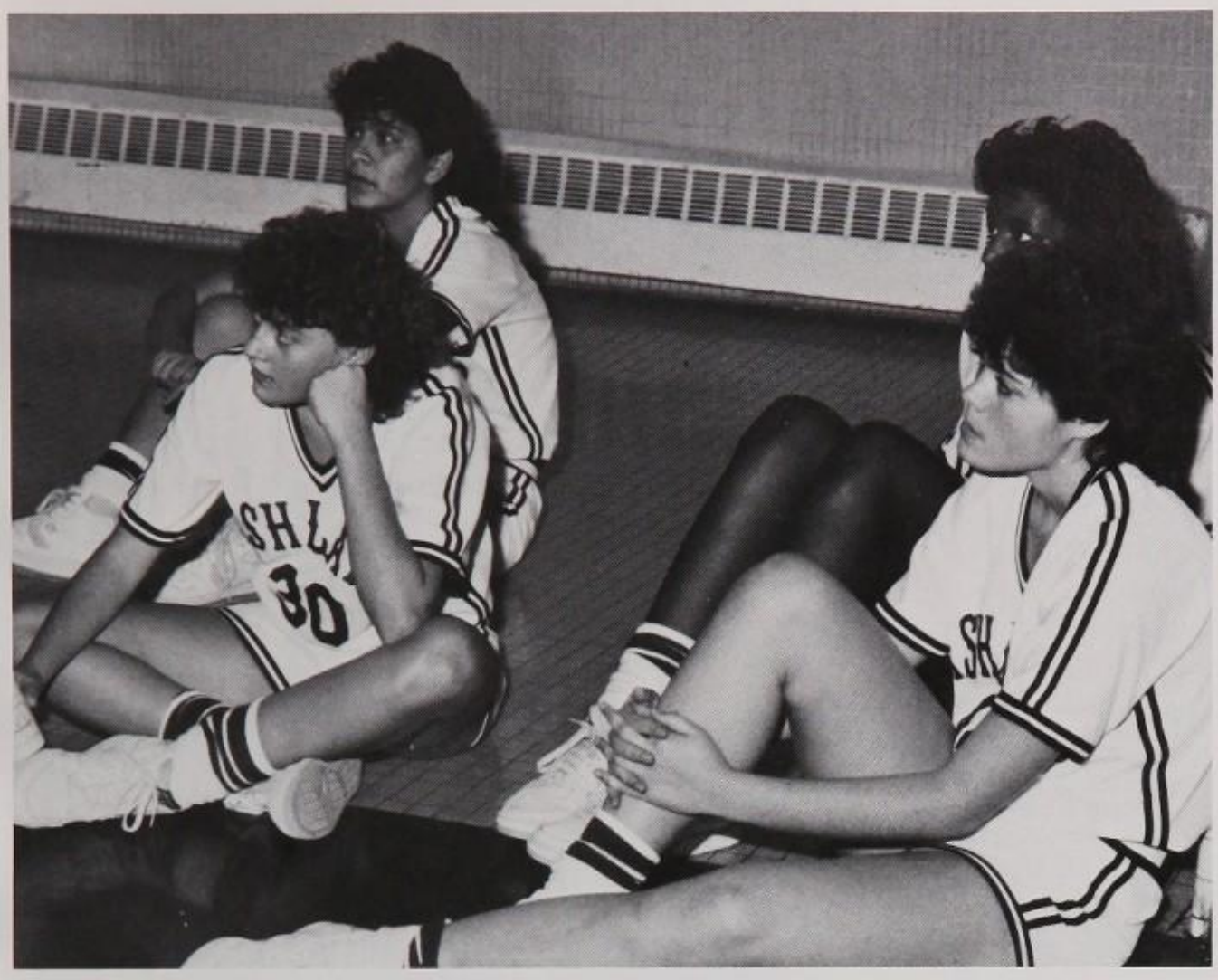
Trying to steal the ball away from a Greenup County player is junior Jennifer Maynard, guard for the Kittens.

"After the injury to my knee, I didn't think I would get to play with the Kittens this year. Thanks to my doctors, I even got to play in the state tournament.

Cathy Kovar

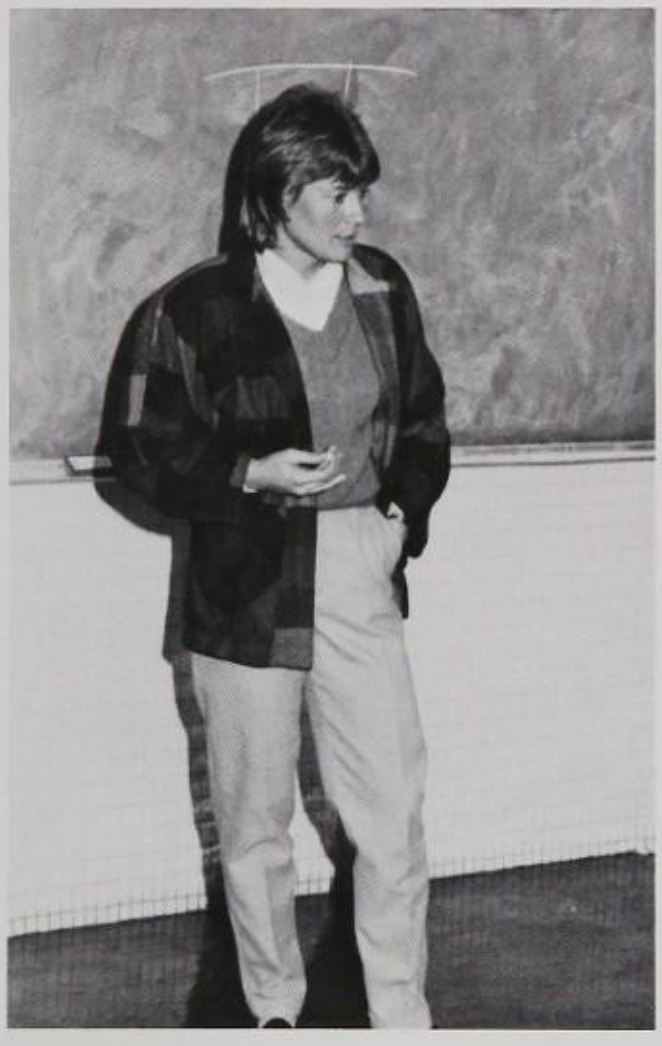
Resting in the locker room before the game is junior Billie Kelley as she listens to last minute instructions.

Kittens '86: Sitting: Robin Brown, Cathy Kovar and Michelle Collins. First row: Coach Connie Ryan, Jennifer Maynard, Becky Rice, Billie Kelly, Kristie Adkins, Tiera Gonzales and Asst. Coach Mark Litteral. Standing: Angie Johnson and Jane Compton.



Listening carefully during halftime are seniors Tierra Gonzales and Michelle Collins and juniors Angie Johnson and Kristy Adkins.

Dribbling around a Lawrence County contendor is senior Jane Compton as she makes her way to the basket.



During halftime Coach Ryan takes time to ask the girls if there were any questions about the changes in the new plays.

Pulling down a rebound during the Ashland-Lawrence County game is junior Angie Johnson, center for the Kittens.

Ready to block a shot is junior Cathy Kovar, playing in the game after a knee injury earlier this year.

Kittens Regular Season

Kittens		Opponents	
60	Boyd Co.	38	
64	Portsmouth	54	
49	Greenup	51	
50	Ironton	27	
34	Coal Grove	38	
54	South Webster	30	
29	Mason Co.	40	
54	Rowan Co.	58	
2	Whitesburg	2	(forfeit)
54	Sheldon Clark	58	
66	Russell	64	
59	Lawrence Co.	38	
57	Boyd Co.	47	
39	Laurel Co.	64	
52	Russell	38	
70	Portsmouth	45	
52	Greenup Co.	33	
66	Belfry	52	
58	Ironton	30	
44	Rowan	47	
61	East Carter	63	
53	Belfry	40	
92	West Carter	52	
71	East Carter	62	

Believing makes it true

"The day I took the job as head coach of the Ashland Kittens is the day I began believing for a 16th Regional Championship and a trip to the "Sweet Sixteen".

The 1985-86 Kittens possessed the talent and skill to accomplish great things. Knowing this, we as a team began to discuss the qualities and character of a true champion.

A true champion is one that has their priorities in line, placing God above all else. Champions believe in team unity. True champions also possess the desire and will to get the job done.

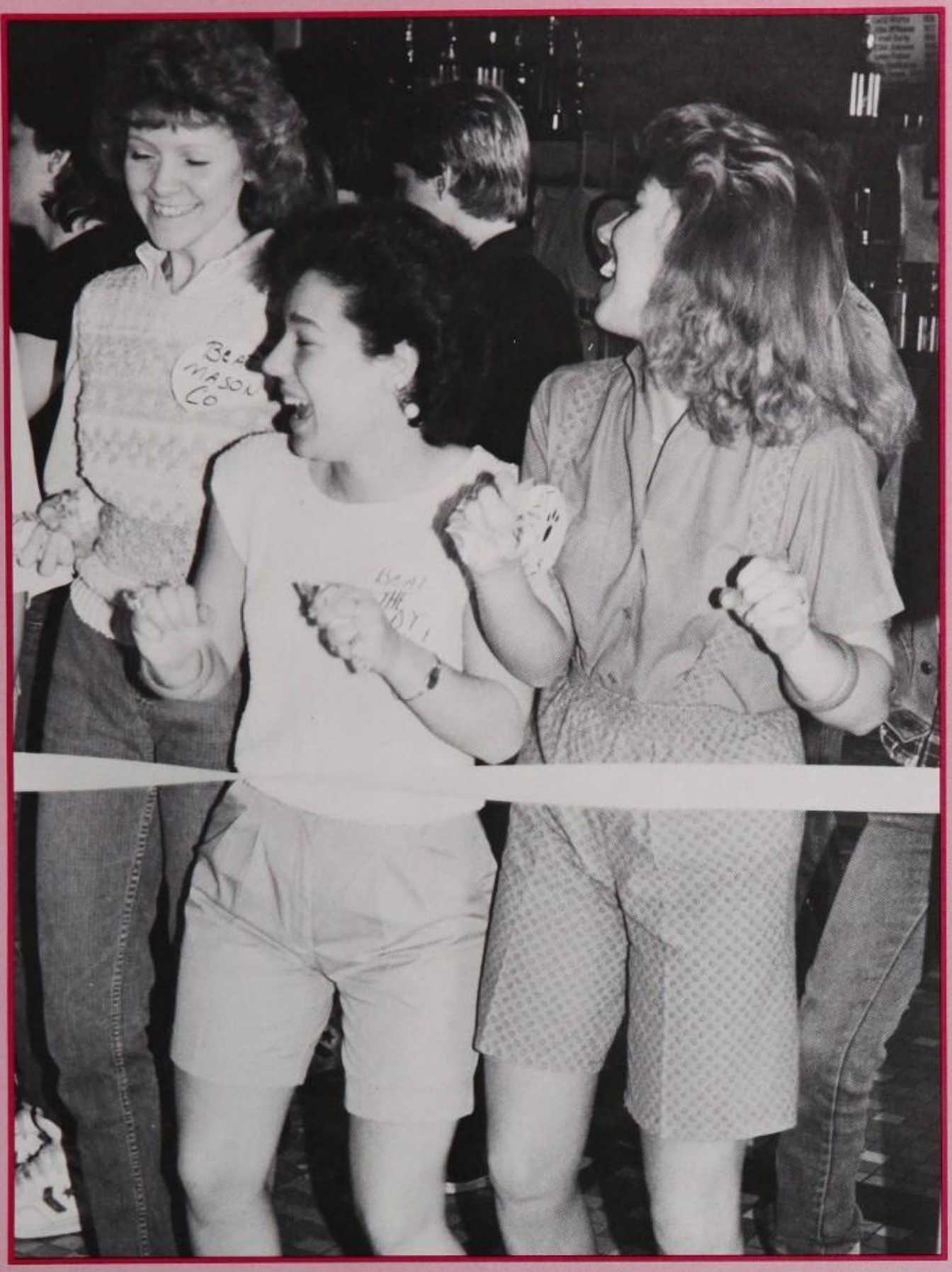
My heart is filled with joy each time I think back on the 85-86 season. Reflecting back on how the girls matured, how they developed the proper attitudes, and the effort they put forth in practice each day, reinforces to me a statement I once read, "Coaches are the most fortunate people on the face of the earth".

Thank you girls for a great year. Thank you for believing with me . . . You will always be special."

Coach Connie Ryan

Giving key strategies during a time-out is head Kitten coach Connie Ryan and assistant coach Mark Litteral.

Doing the "wave", senior Beth Haney and juniors Kim Childers and Valerie Leaver cheer the Kittens to victory.



Cheering the Kittens on to state, senior Candy Canafax and juniors Alysa Stephens and Mori Boggs show their enthusiasm.

Dreaming of the Sweet Sixteen championship, Coach Connie Ryan and team members load the bus for Bowling Green.

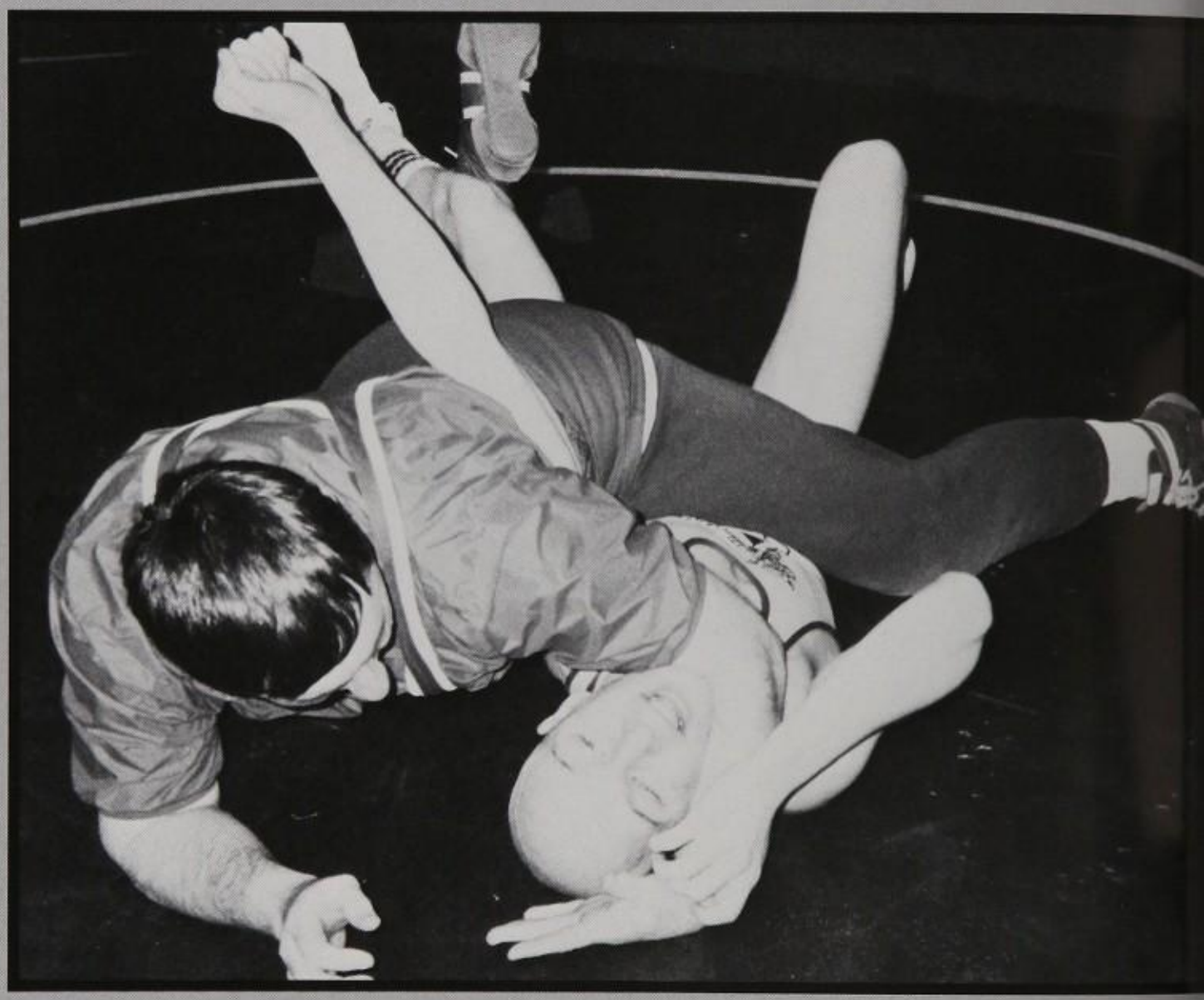
Shooting for two, senior Jane Compton shows her form at the Sweet Sixteen tournament at Western Kentucky University.

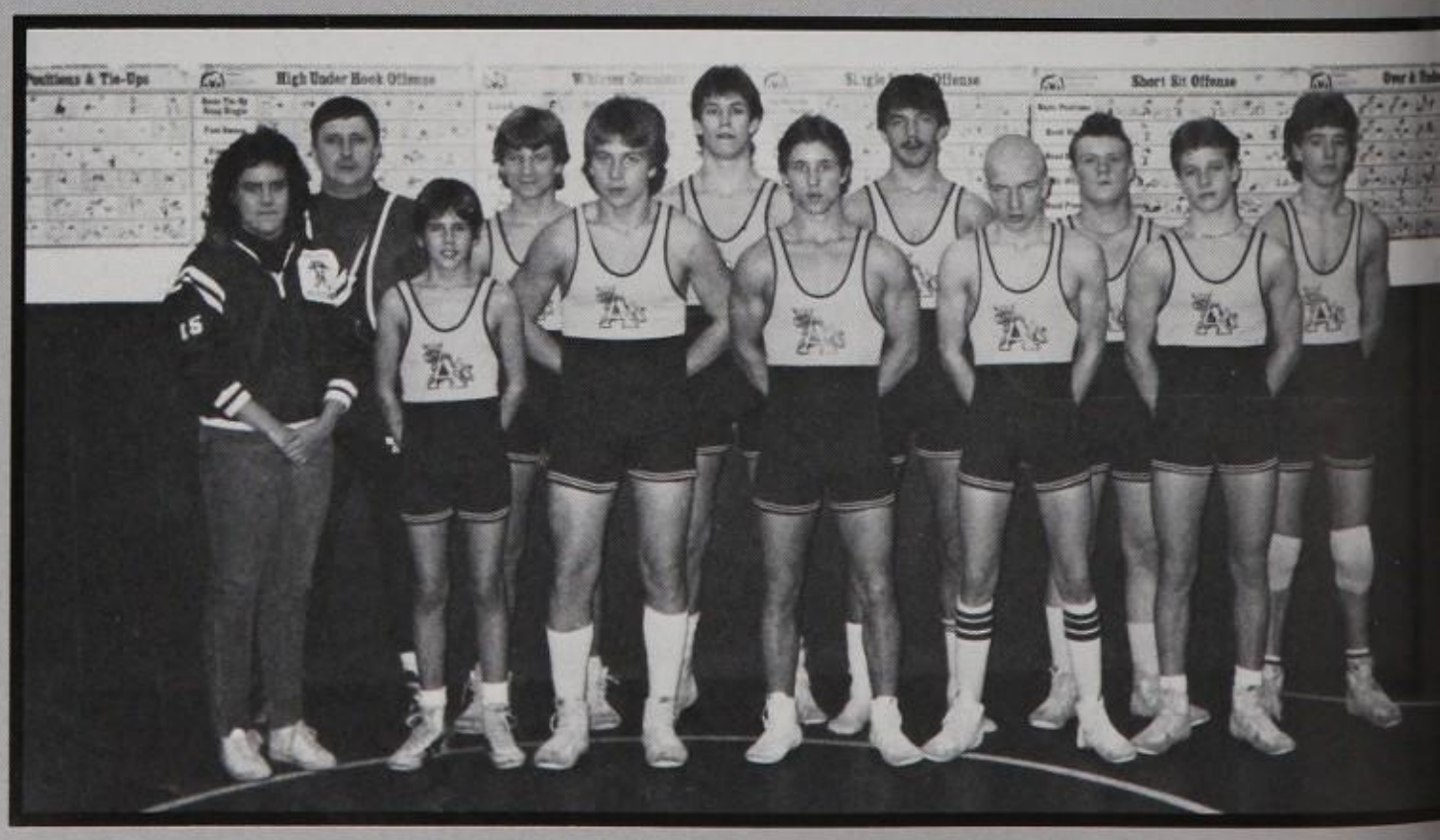
WRESTLING

Pounds Count

Wrestling practices began after school everyday from 3:15 to 6:00. The practices included a lot of running and conditioning as well as learning a lot of new moves. Although the MatCats didn't compete in matches only tournaments they still had to weigh in before the tourney. After they weighed in the team members usually ate, got dressed and did some warm up stretches including pushups, sit ups and a review of moves. If the wrestlers didn't make weight they had a certain time to make it in, during that time they usually ran. Wrestlers wrestle in different classes, of which there are twelve. They range from 98 pounds to 185 pounds and heavyweight. According to junior member of the team, Tony Smith, the MatCats was made up of a lot of young talent but they had a good season.

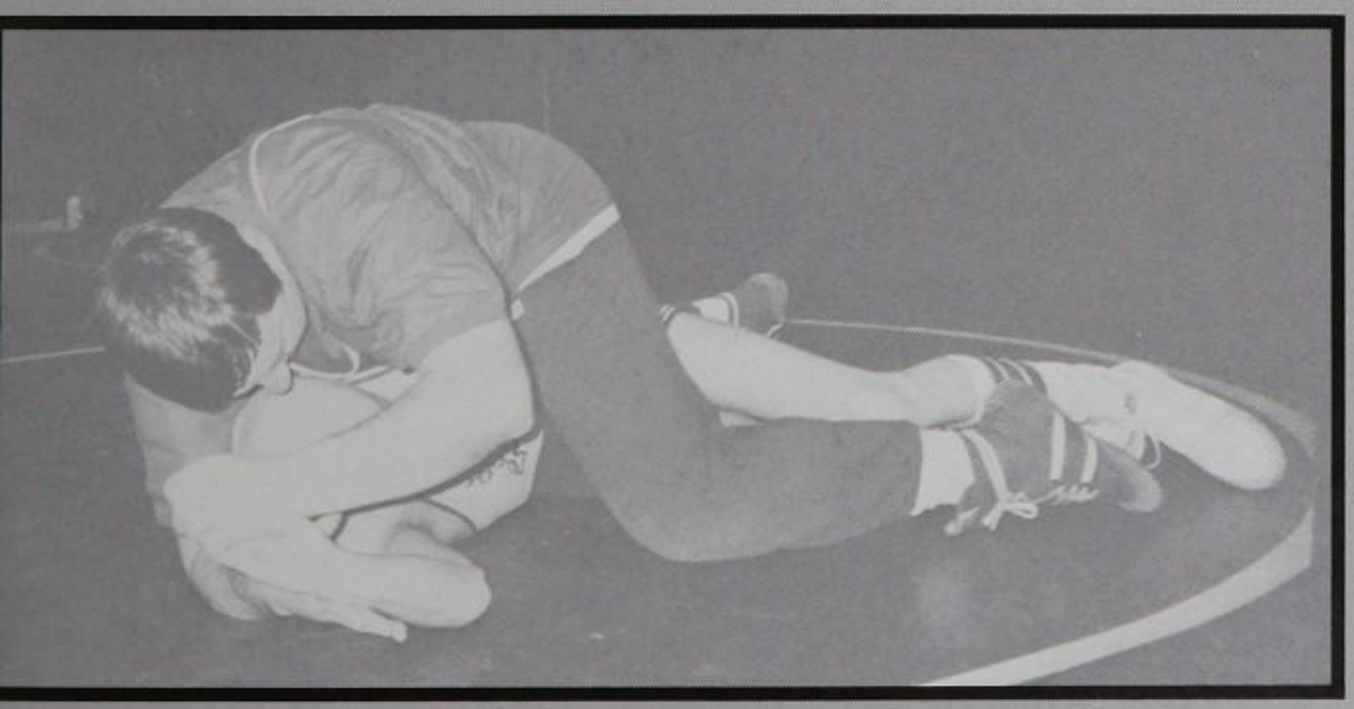
Executing a move called the "Guillotine" is Coach Howard. Trying to reverse the move is junior Butch Scarberry.





Clapping and cheering his fellow wrestling teammates on to a victory is senior David Henderson, captain of the team.

Trying to get control of his man is wrestling coach, Paul Howard. Junior Butch Scarberry is trying to get free.



VRESTLING TEAM: Kelley O'Neal, Greg Rice, Kevin ethercutt, George Shepard, Butch Scarberry, Scott Coburn, Coach Howard, David Hicks, Larry Lipker, David Henderson, Tony Smith, Williard Shepard.

SWIMMING

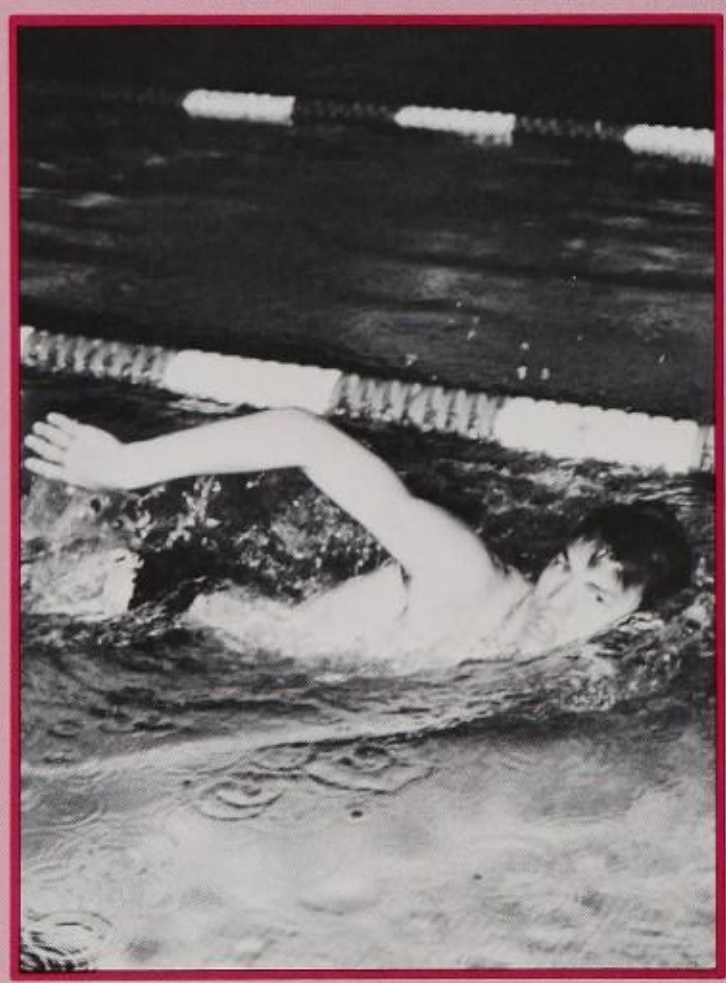
In the Swim

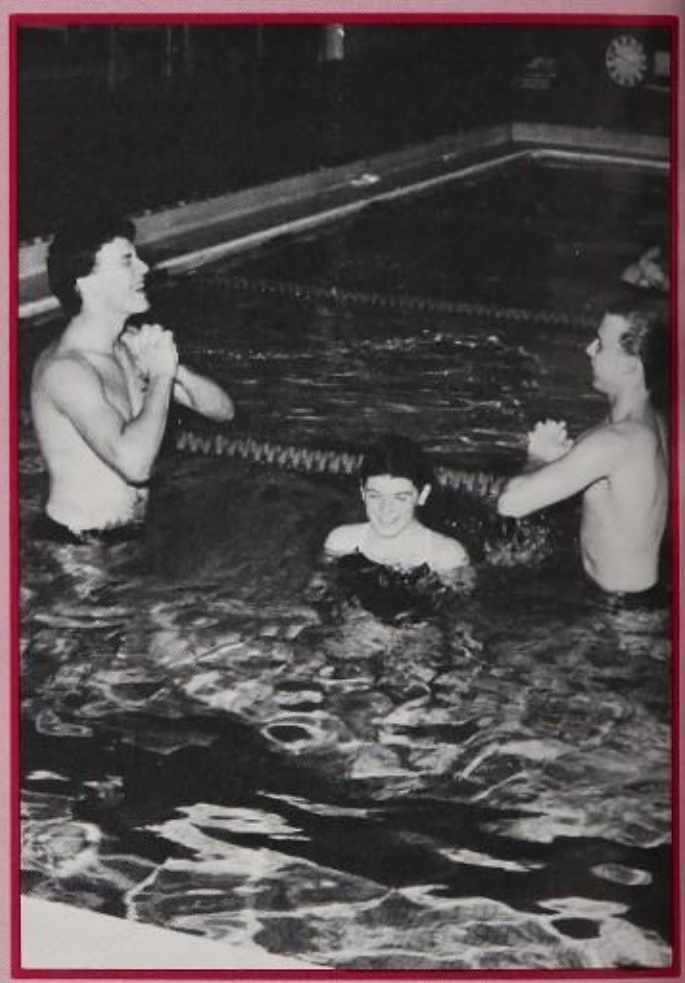
Swimmers from Blazer have always been known throughout the state. This year was no exception. Coached by Craig Mayo a former Blazer swimmer, the swim team qualified in several team and individual events to compete in the state meet in Louisville. The team placed in several of these events. The many hours in the water and all the hard practice payed off. A very reliable source made the statement, "Watch Jason Gannon, he's going to be a tough competitor." Senior swimmer Jeff Gannon stated that he has enjoyed being on the swim team for four years, and he really liked going to the state meets best.

Practicing his breast stroke is senior Keith Craycraft, getting ready for a swim meet.

Taking time out from practice for a little fun are swimmers Allan Weidel, Jani Rice and Dennis McCallister.

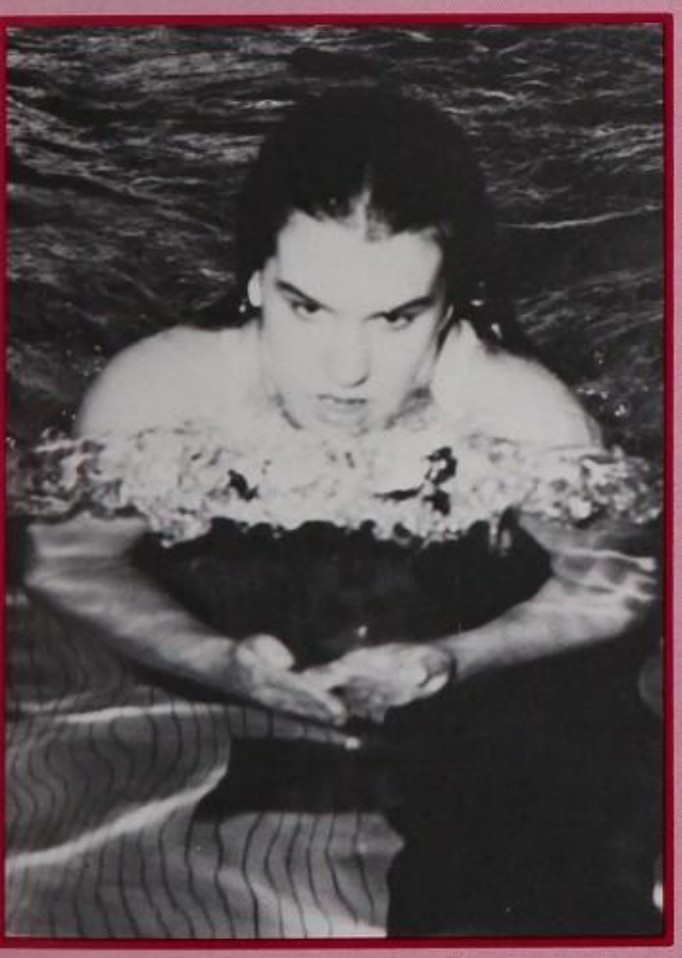
Stretching for distance on his free style is swimmer Mike Brown, who has been on the team for three years.





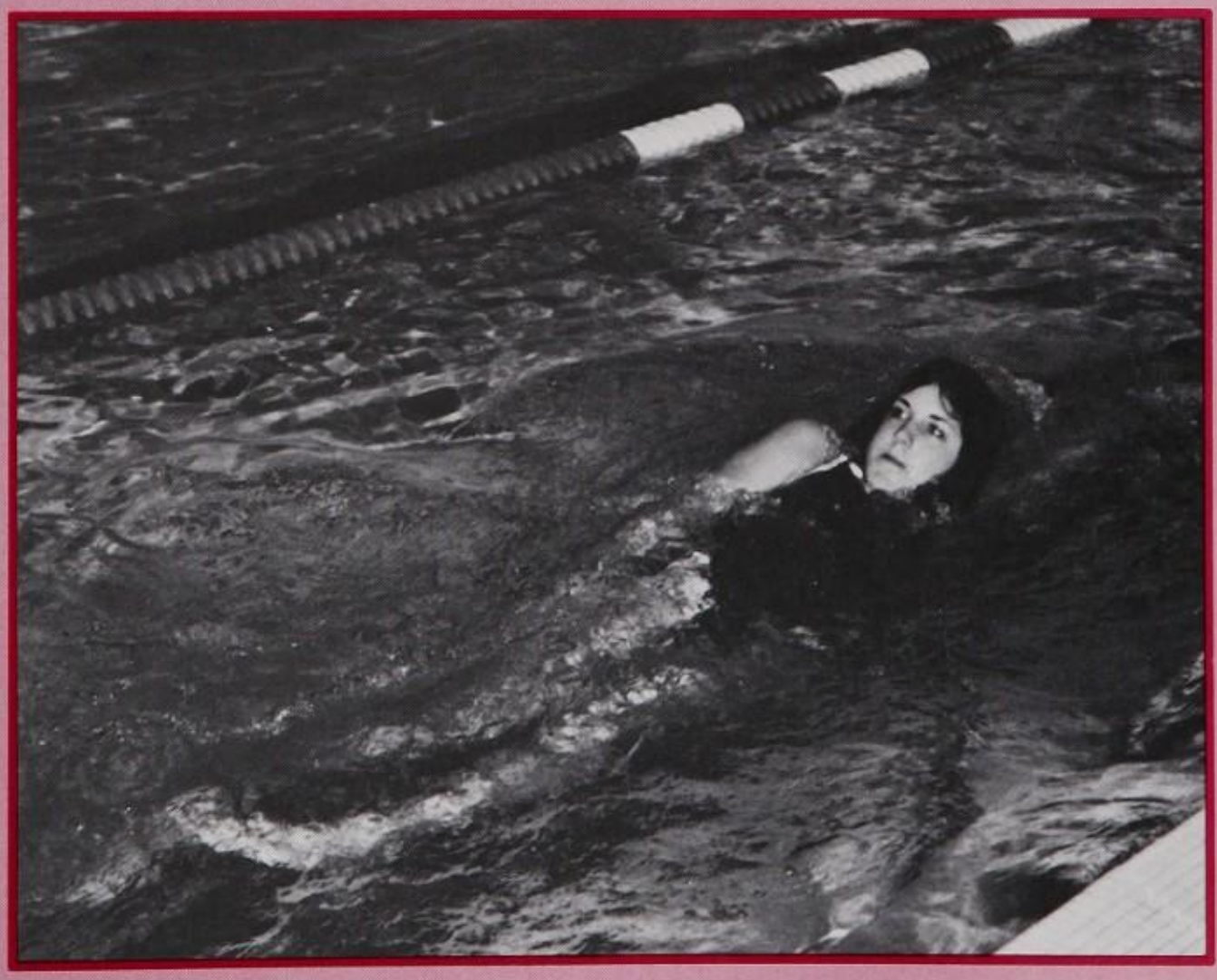
Giving freshmen brother Jason some tips on the butterfly stroke before the state meet is Jeff Gannon.

Graceful strokes are displayed in the speed of Jan Alvey as she prepares for the state meet in Louisville.



Taking a breath is sophomore Julie Kilin as she swims her laps during a practice session.

Swim Team: Tonya Sexton, Pam Stanford, Julie Kilin, Jan Alvey, Deanna Pinchin, Jami Rice. Back - Coach Craig Mayo, Jeff Gannon, Dennis McCallister, Keith Craycraft, Allan Weidel, Mike Brown, Jason Gannon.



Swimming the backstroke is one of Pam Stanford's favorites as she is getting is shape for future races.

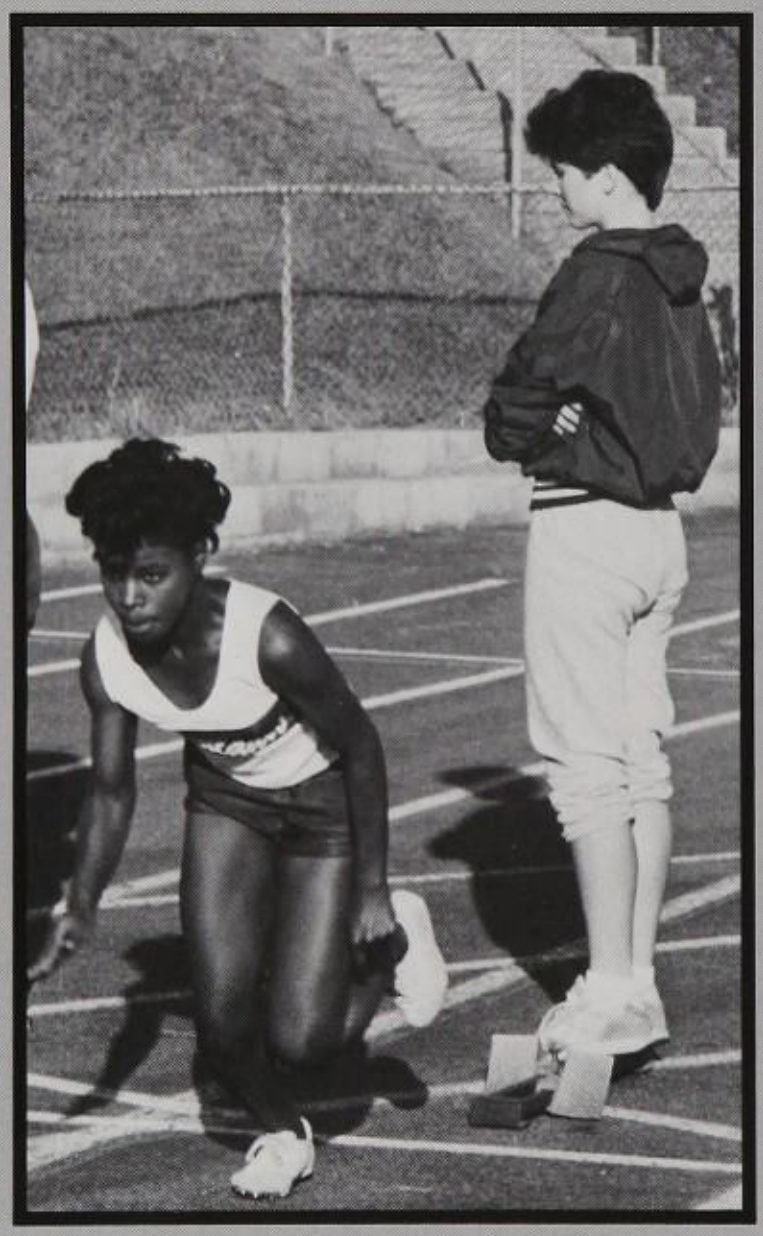
TRACK

GIRLS

Gaining Experience

Toward the end of basketball season, the Tomcats had to share the gym with the girls track team. This year the team participated in the indoor track season. Practices consisted of running around the gym and weight training in the football building. During regular track season, the team sent a relay team to state, which was held in Lexington. "Our girl's track team did well this season. I was really impressed with the new people that came out this year." stated Coach McReynolds. The team placed in all the meets that they participated in. "I think that next year we should have a really good team because of the experience everyone gained this year." stated sophomore Cheryl Hutt. All in all, the girls had a great season and gained some very important skills for the season next year.

Taking off from the starting blocks, held down by sophomore Stacey Henry, is junior Vanessa Woodberry.



Throwing the shot-put, freshman Angela Hacker stretches for a good throw, keeping her eye on her goal.

Spotting her shot-put goal, sophomore Shelley Henderson "psychs" herself up for a good throw.

Striding over a hurdle at a Russell track meet is sophomore, Stacey Henry. Stacey placed well in all her events.

Girls Track; Rebecca Messer, Stacey Henry, Julie Killin, Dana Ausbun, Vanessa Woodberry, Jennifer Williams, Jackie Barrow, Angela Hacker, Dreama Combs, Sandi Greene.

Getting a good start on her opponents is sophomore, Jackie Barrow. Jackie was part of our state bound relay team.

Looking across the track, while running is junior Sandi Greene. She proved to be an important part of the Blazer team.

Finishing first in her relay is eighth grader Kier Horne. Kier has been running for Blazer since seventh grade.

BOYS TRACK

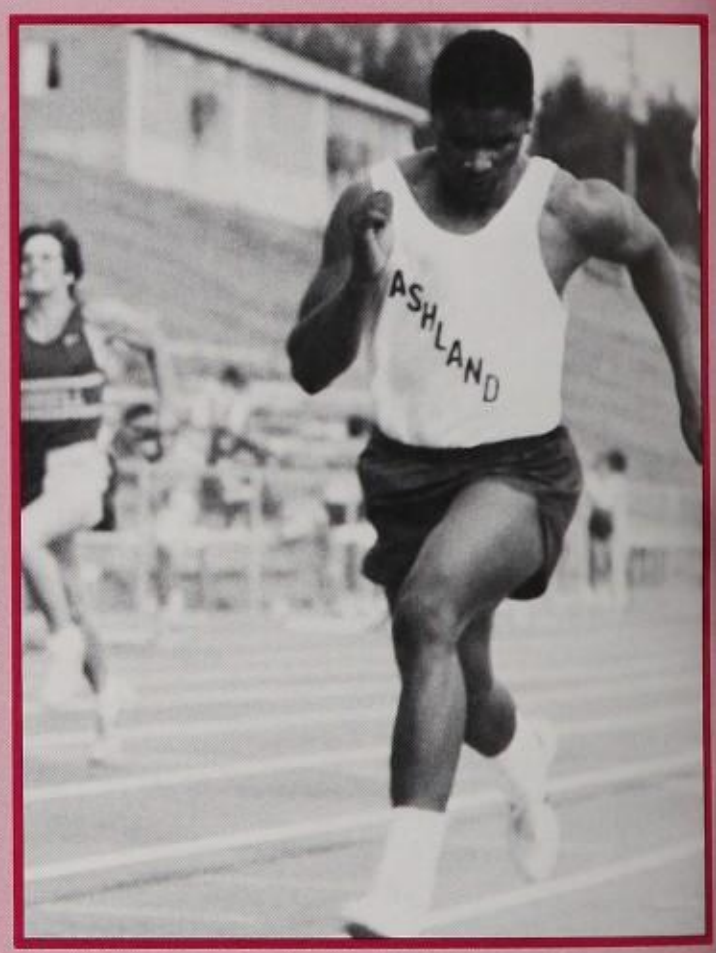
Seniors dominate

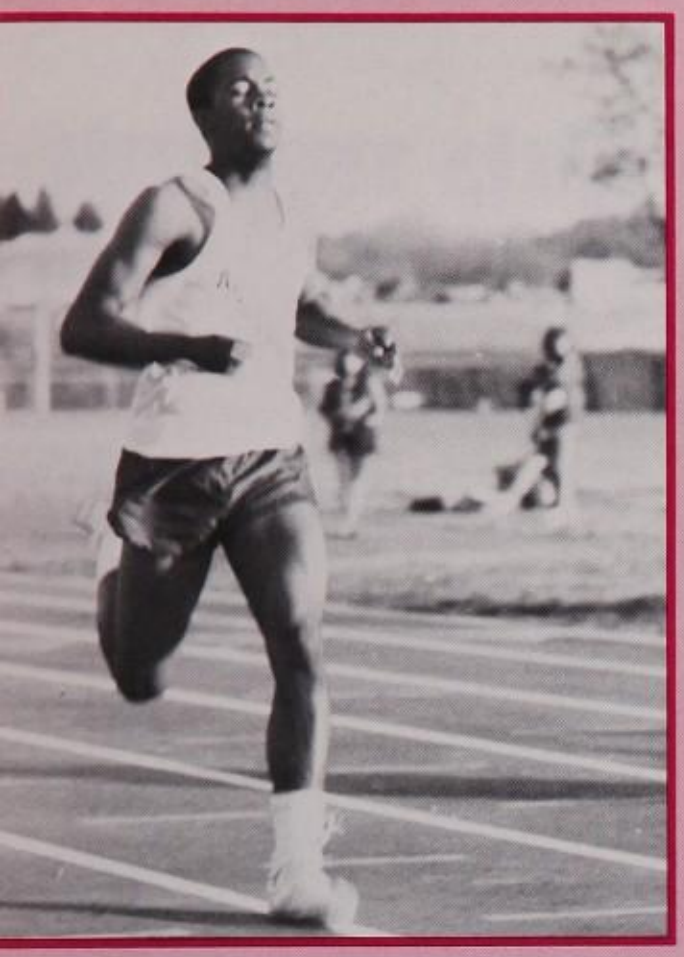
This years track team consisted of eight seniors. Kevin Blake, Mike Carley, John Holmes, David Rice, Eddie Barker, James Gillum, David Gifford and Todd Henry. Most of these guys have participated in one sport or another before track; either football or cross country. Although the team was under a new coach this year, Coach Renfroe, they still competed with the great style they've always shown. Senior John Holmes made it to state once again this year and placed. Junior Mike Brown was our distance runner this year where he competed in the mile, and two mile run. This year senior David Gifford decided to compete in Shot and Discus when asked about this he said "I was having back problems, which meant I couldn't run, and I thought I would hold the team back." David did contribute to the team by placing in all the meets. Three new faces were visible in the team this year and they were freshman Ryan Blake and seniors James Gillium and Micheal Carley. James and Mike both competed in the high jump and Ryan came on strong as a short distance runner. "If we have more people like we had this year come out next year we will have another outstanding season." stated Coach Renfroe. When asked what he liked most about the end of track season senior Kevin Blake replied, "I like the end of track because I don't have to spend my Saturdays running; I can sleep late!"

Sprinting for the finish line, senior Todd Henry pulls ahead of all his opponents. Todd was a strong member of the team.

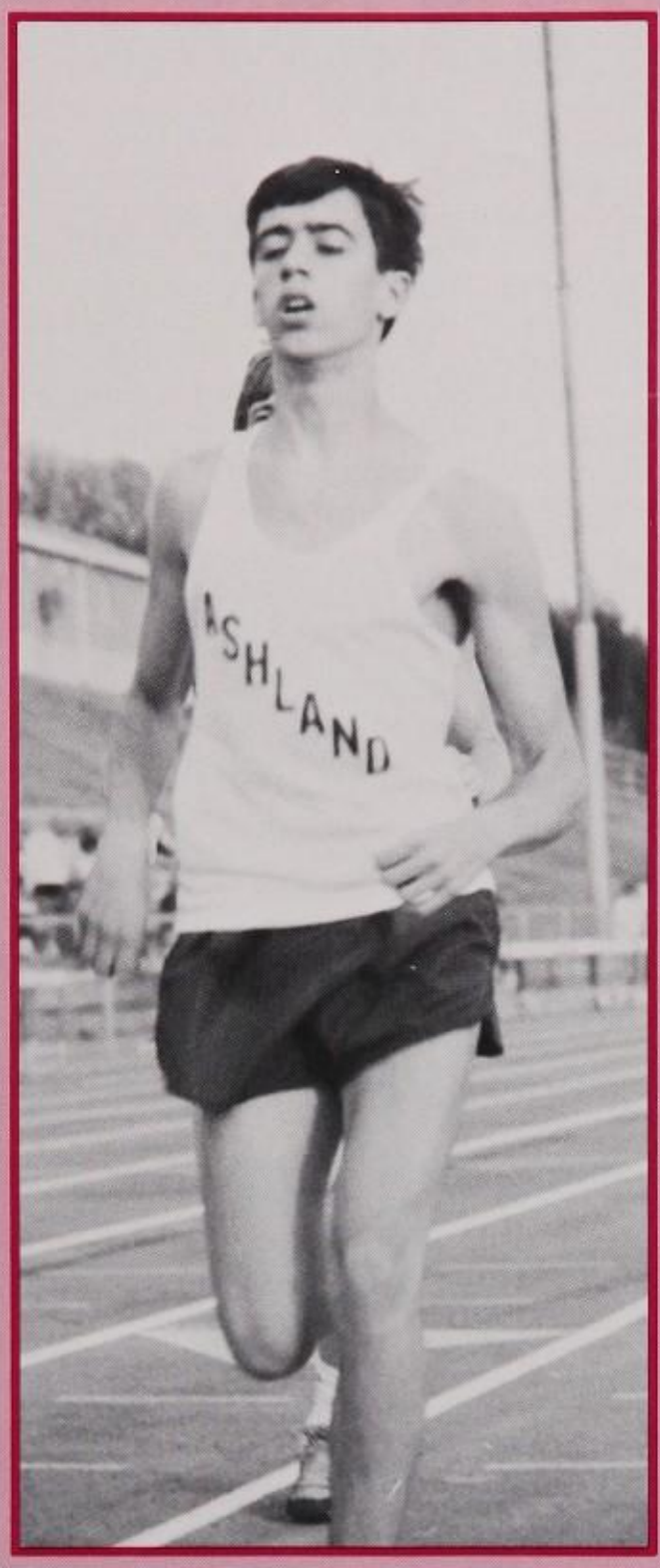
Looking ahead to the finish line of the mile run, junior Mike Brown pulls ahead. Mike always runs this race well.

Pulling ahead in the 100 yard dash is freshman, Ryan Blake. Ryan shows great promise for the track team next year.





Reaching for the finish line, sophomore Andrew Foster tries to maintain his pace until the end of the race.



Throwing the discus during the Regional track meet, Senior John Holmes puts his all into his event.

Following through with his form, senior David Gifford watches to see how far his throw went.

Pacing his stride, senior Kevin Blake tries to stay ahead and keep a steady pace during the 400 meter run.

Boy's Track: Ryan Blake, Steve Blake, Kevin Blake, Mike Farley, John Holmes, David Rice, Eddie Barker, Mike Brown, Garrett Blackwelder, Todd Henry, James Gillum, David Gifford.

Handing off the baton in the mile relay is sophomore Andrew Foster, he is handing off to senior, Eddie Barker.

TENNIS

"LOVE" this match

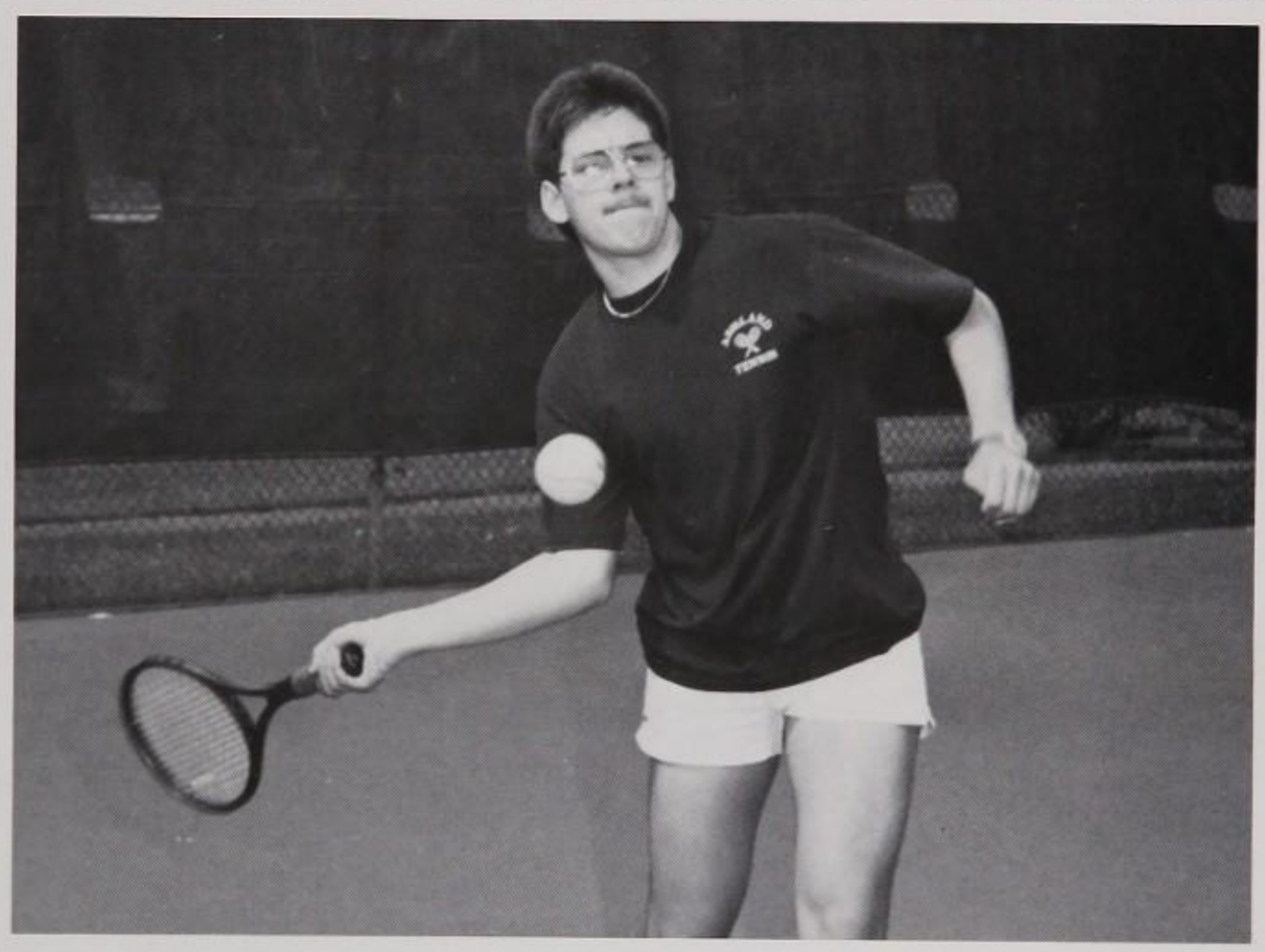
Beginning in early spring the boys tennis team began getting in shape by exercising in the lobby under the direction of coach Bob Force. They exercised on weekdays after school for about an hour. After several weeks of exercising it was time to hit the tennis courts. Practice was held after school during the week at the Ashland Tennis Center.

All the hard work and practice paid off because the Tomcats had several victories over other schools. In the regional tournament play junior Steve Mason and sophomore Chris Meinfelter qualified for the state double's tournament. Unfortunately they lost in the first round to players from Trinity. They lost 6-2, 6-1. Junior Steve Mason stated "It was an experience getting to go to the state tennis tournament even though we didn't get as far as we would have liked we were happy about how far we did get."

Discussing a new tennis technique is senior Steve Ware with tennis coach Bob Force. This was Steve's first year on the tennis team.

Following through after a backhand to his opponent is second year tennis member sophomore Chris Meinfelter.

Talking over their plans for after the match with Boyd County are seniors Steve Ware and Jeff Bang.



Concentrating on trying to hit the ball with a forehand swing is third year tennis member junior Steve Mason.

TENNIS TEAM: Row One - Steve Mason, Adam Martin, Jim Tou, and Steve Brackman. Row Two - Will Tanner, Steve Ware, Tim Tou, Jeff Bang, Chris Meinfelter and Coach Bob Force.

GOLF

To the "TEE"

Several days in the week during the spring you could find the Blazer boy's and girl's golf teams out on the greens at the Ponderosa Golf course. Practice would usually last several hours as the golf team worked to improve their skills.

Blazer beat Boyd County in regional action and ended up as Fourth in the region.

Girls Golf coach Linda Meyers was very proud of her girls especially sophomore Stacey Gray who almost made it to the state finals, she missed it by two strokes.

The boys golf team was lead by senior Mark Miller, who was going on his fourth year as a member of the team which is coached by Mr. Joe Fraley.

Sophomore Caryn Sanford summed up the year like this, "I think our Girls golf team is improving rapidly. Hopefully next year they will get to go to state under the instruction of Major Meyers, who has helped the team tremendously."

Keeping his eye on the ball as he is ready to swing is fourth year golf team member Mark Miller.

Surveying an upcoming shot is junior Matt Aspden. Matt is a third year golf team member.

Getting out of the rough can be difficult, but for fourth year golf team member Becky Rice its routine.

GIRLS GOLF: Row One - Erin Lynch and Susan Ferraby. Row Two - Tonya Sexton and Caryn Sanford. Row Three - Coach Linda Meyers, Stacey Gray and Becky Rice.

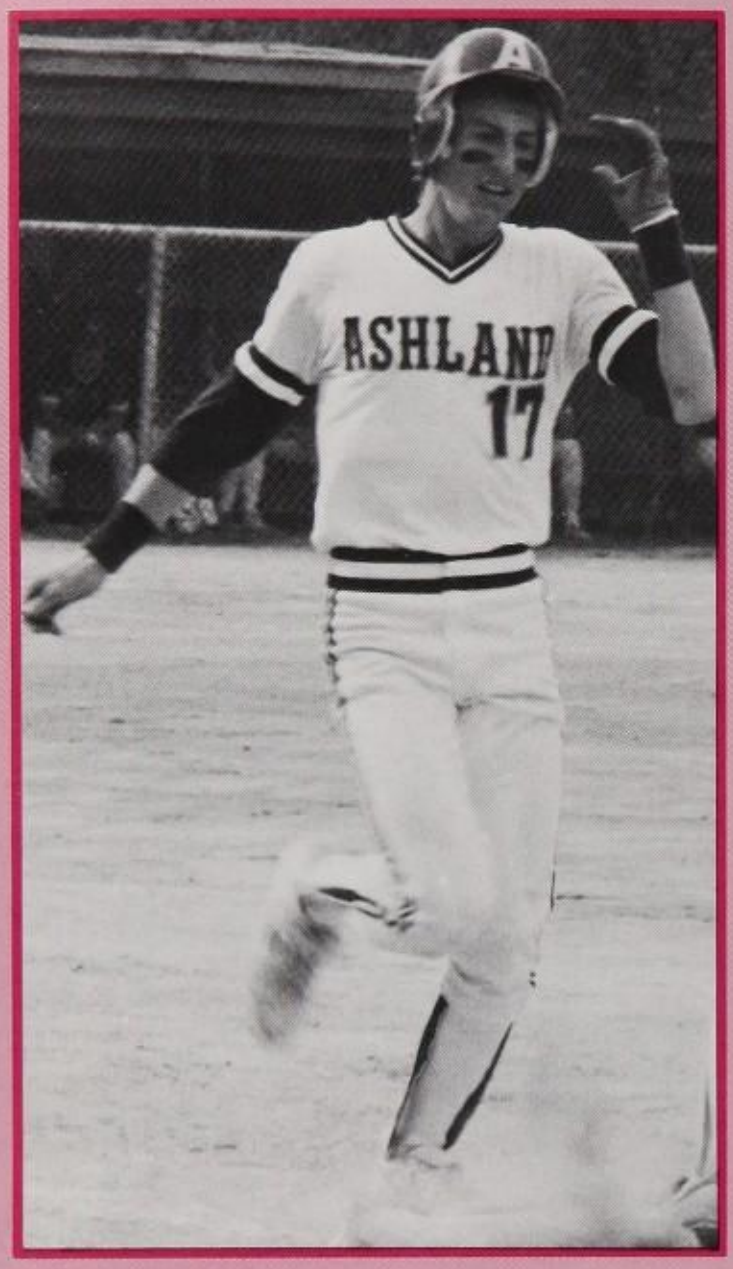
Practicing her swing before a match with Boyd County is second year golf team member Caryn Sanford.

BOYS GOLF: Sitting - Mike Salyers, Brad Phillips, Bryan Stevensen and Brad Bibb. Standing - Michael Moore, Chris Milam, Tim Gray, Mark Miller and Matt Aspden.

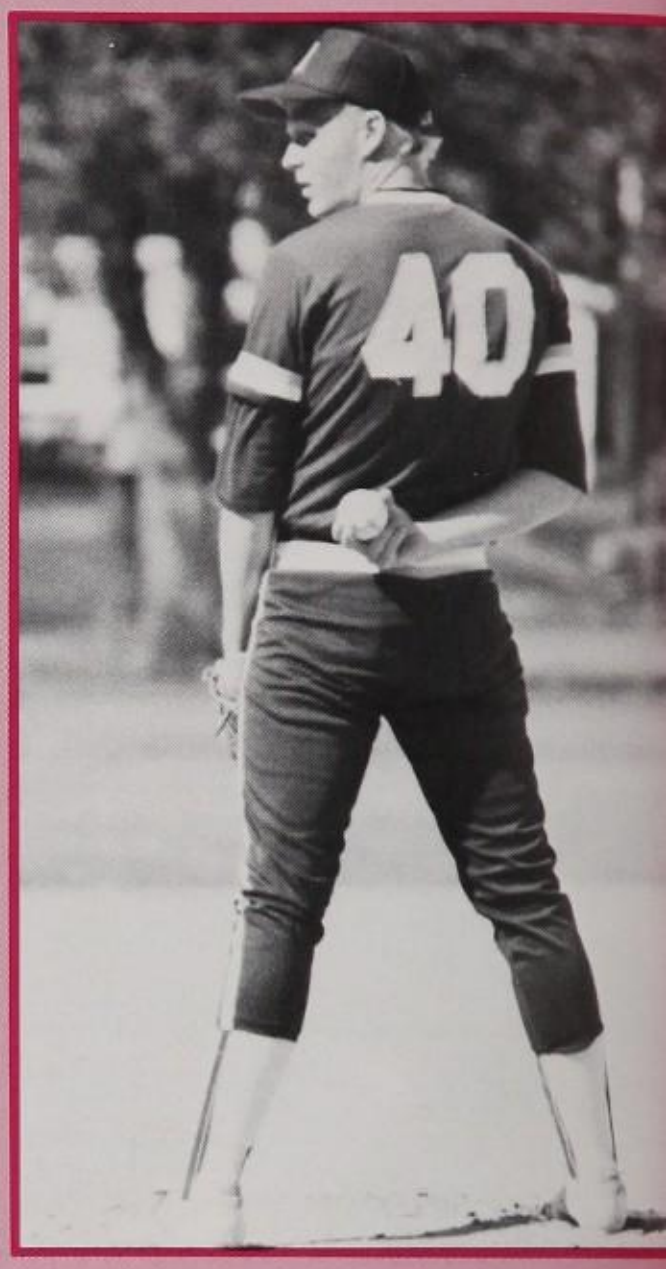
Second year golf team member Stacy Gray practices her swing at Blazer. Stacy proved to be a great asset to the team.

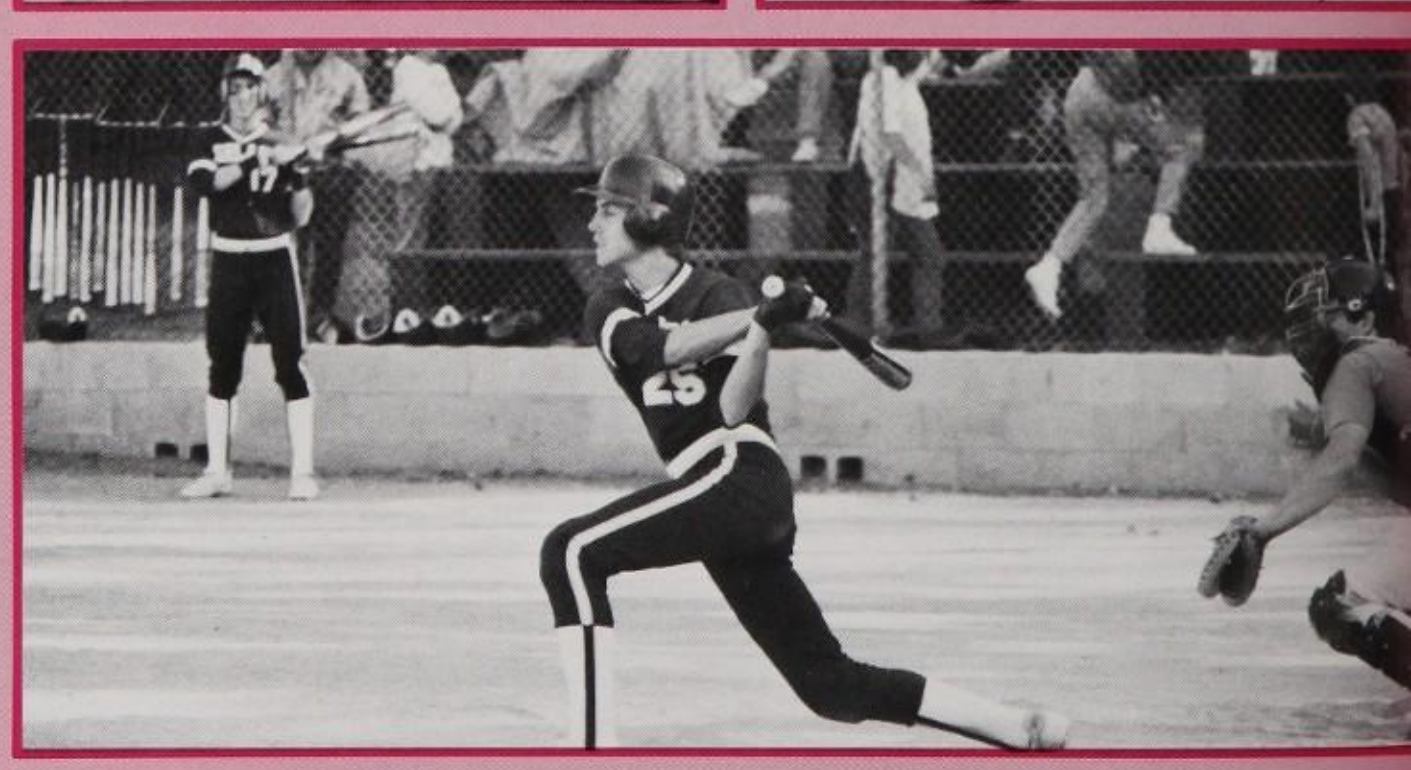
BASEBALL

Running towards second base successfully is senior Jon Goolsby during the Ashland and Greenup County game.



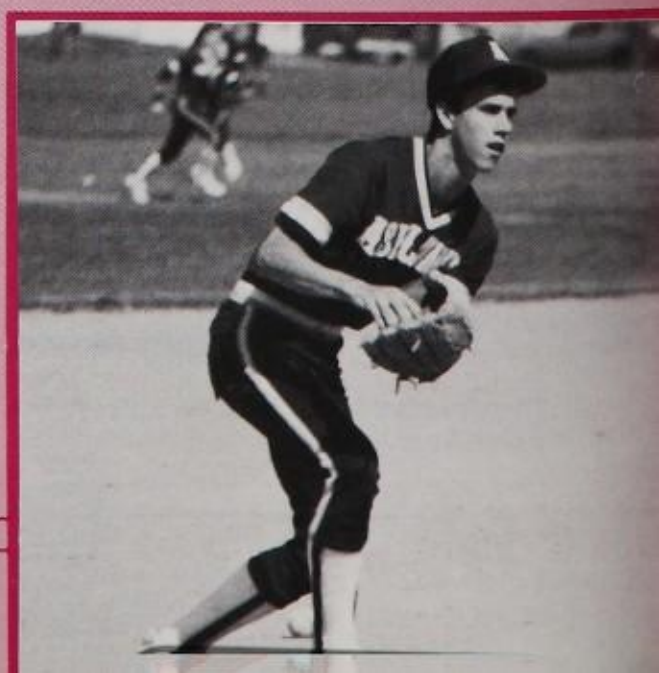
Concentrating on the strike zone is senior Keith Daniels as he prepares for the pitch to the batter.





Keeping the bat level is an important step in batting, as shown here by senior Tyler McCallister.

Throwing the ball into home plate during warm-ups before the Lawrence County game is junior Brian Rice.



Spring into Baseball

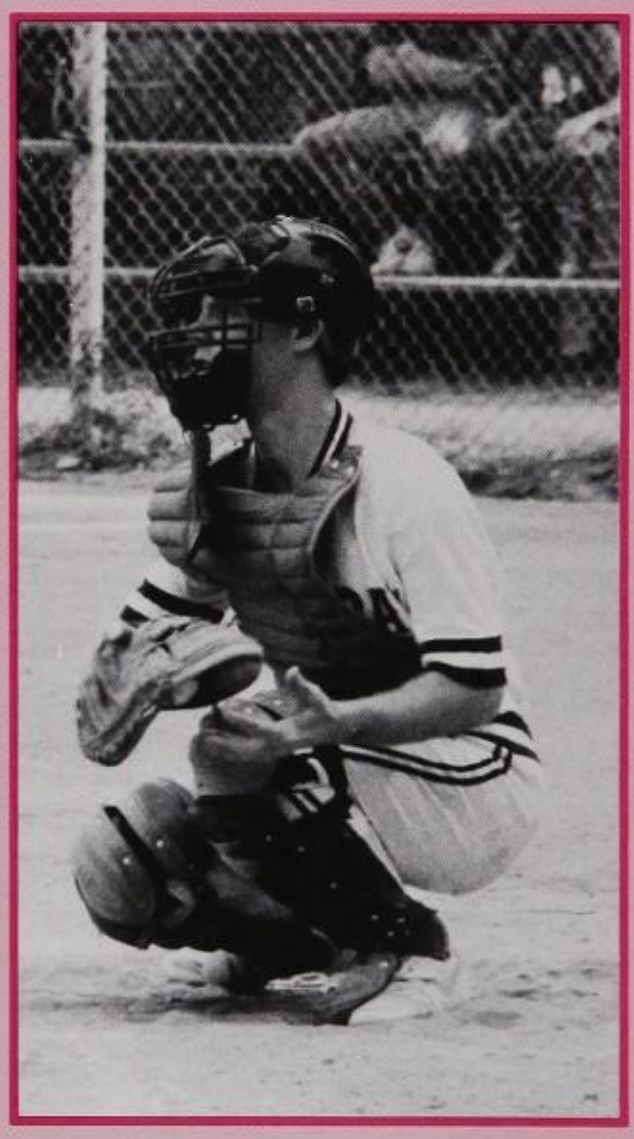
Watching with anticipation during the Ashland and Boyd County game is senior Kent Feazell.

"Take me out to the ball game" was the cry of the Tomcat baseball fans as spring approached and the season began.

It was a familiar sight to see the team in action evenings in Central Park. Fans sparked the Tomcat spirit through another great, but short lived season.

A lot of hours and hard work went into practice for the team, beginning early and continuing throughout the season. The varsity team proved to be successful and rounded off a good season under second year coach Paul Howard and assistant coaches French Harmon and Jim Beason.

Spring break was not only a time for pleasure for the team, but a time for practice and games. It wasn't all bad, for that took place in Coco Beach, Florida. "The trip to Florida was fun, but the Cats didn't get to play enough games." Varsity member Rusty Blanton commented. "We'll have a strong team again next year." stated junior Brian Rice.



Varsity Team: Row one - Kevin May, Larry Lipken, Chris Ronay, Kenny Patrick, Bill McKinney, Chris Howell, Curt Clevenger. Row two - Coach Bill Hammond, Coach Paul Howard, Brian Rice, Tim Nelson, Bryan Gearhart, Tyler McCallister, Kent Feazel, Coach French Harmon, Coach Beason. Row three - Jon Goolsby, David Castle, Keith Daniels, Tim Grizzle, Robert Ray, Rusty Blanton.

J.V. Team: Row one - Manager, Phillip Wessell, John Gifford, Todd Clinger, Eric Persinger, Sam Beason, Scott Coburn, Steve Vanhorn, Manager, Darrel Smith. Row two - Coach Bill Hammond, Coach Paul Howard, Steven Moatz, David Hill, Brett Johnson, Dove Gevendon, Coach French Harmon, Coach Jim Beason. Row three - John Browning, Scott Osborne, Jason Hall, Tony LeMaster, Mike VanHoose, Robby Cox, Randy Vanover.

GIRLS TENNIS

On the ball!!

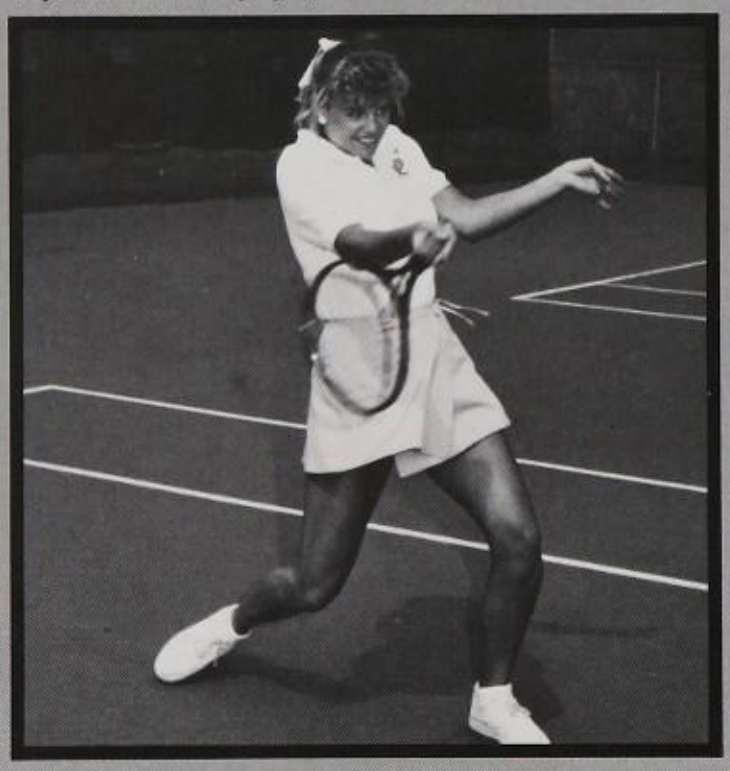
The 1986 Blazer girls tennis team had an outstanding season. The girls began their outstanding season with practices right after school for about an hour and a half. Sometimes there were matches directly after school and many of the matches were played on the weekends. All the girls agree that it was worth giving up part of their weekend if they won. "Even if we didn't win our match we got to meet new people with an interest in tennis." said senior member, Jodi Williams.

During practices the team worked on game skills such as serving, playing the net and, of course, psyching out their opponent!

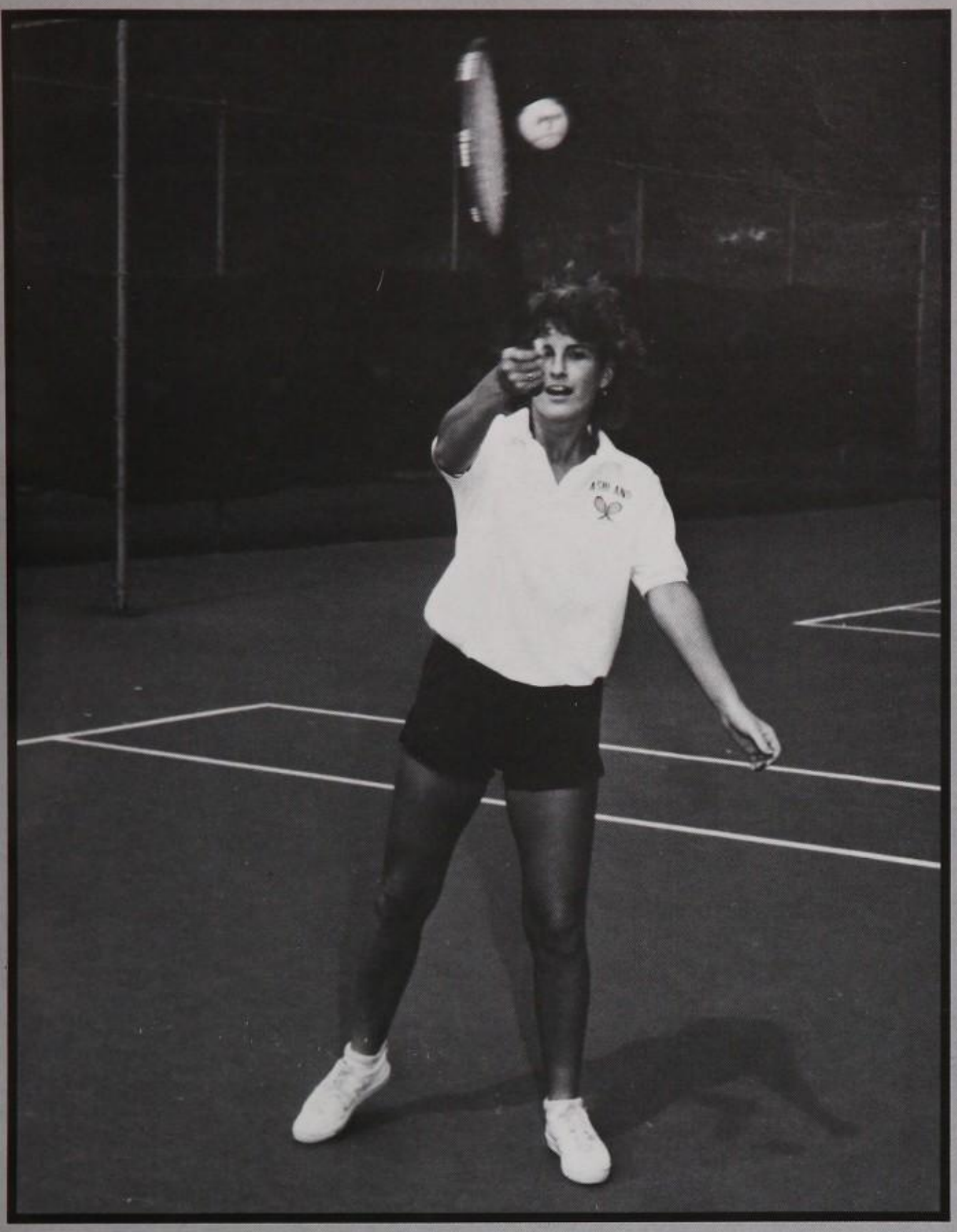
Tournaments were the most tiring of all, but if you came out on top as Ashland did, many times, they were well worth the time, trouble and the hard work. Freshman, Beth Bradley stated this, "The tournaments were really hard on me, because I was a freshman, but I learned a lot and will use what I learned for next year."

Tennis Team: Beth Bradley, Mary Varney, Stephanie Meyers, Sara Rice, Karen Sanford, Allison Meyers, Annie Tanner.

Showing her form using a forehand during a match is senior, Kim Eby. Kim has been playing tennis most of her life.

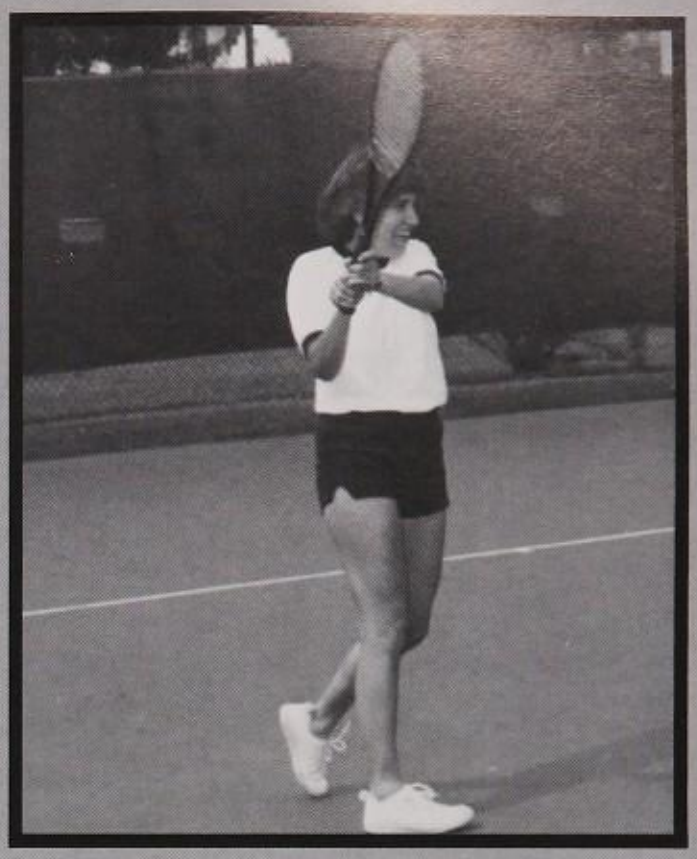


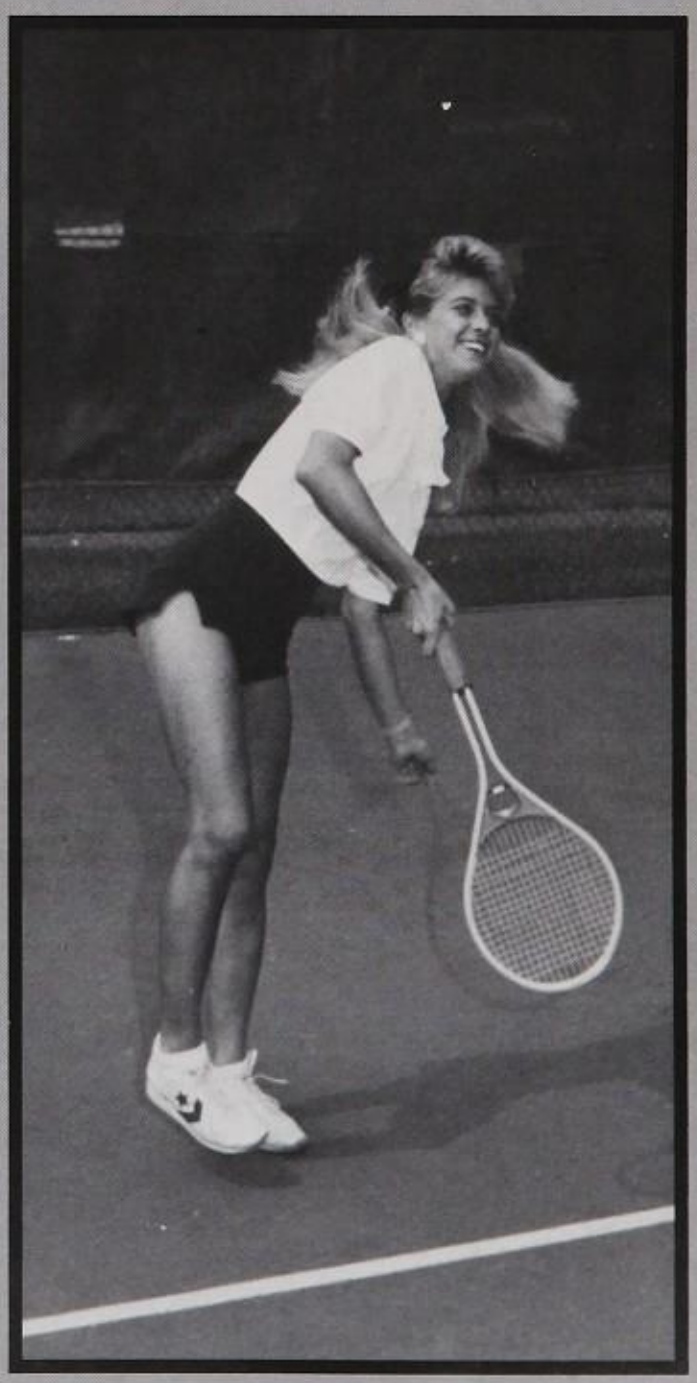
Senior Tennis: Jodi Williams, Cindy Pitsenburger, Kristi Nunley, Kim Eby, Donna Davis, Cheri DePriest, and Beth Turman.



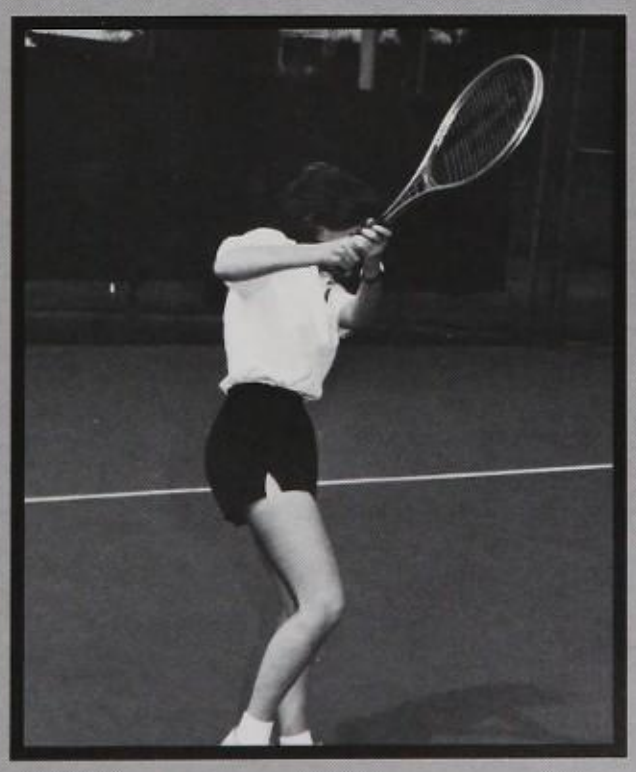
Returning the ball during a tennis match is senior, Donna Davis. Donna was an important member of the Blazer tennis team.

Warming up for a match of doubles is senior, Cindy Pitsenburger. Cindy has played on the Blazer team for four years.





Watching a match at the Ashland Tennis Center are senior players Jodi Williams and Donna Davis with their coach Norma Meek.



Following through on her backhand is senior, Beth Turman. Beth has played on the Blazer team for four years.

Exhibiting great enthusiasm during her match is senior, Cheri DePriest. Cheri has been an important part of the tennis team.

CHEERLEADING

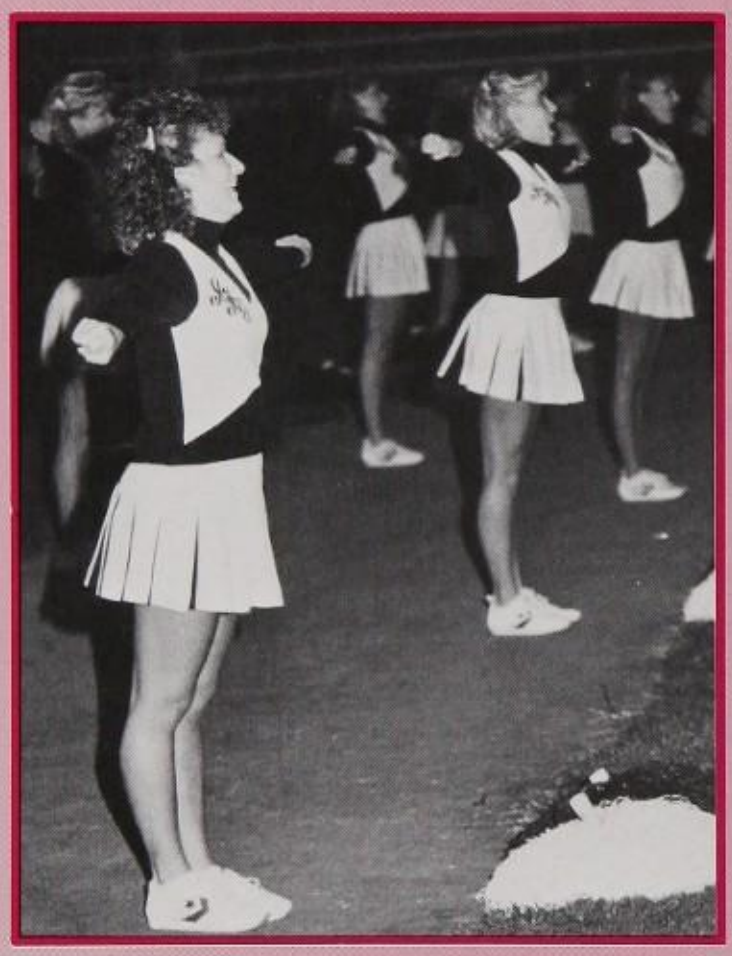
ONE MORE TIME!!

"One more time" is an expression of ten heard by the Varsity cheerleaders. Practice starts in July and is non stop until February and sometimes runs into March. When asking about cheerleading, we got this response, "Cheerleading takes up a lot of your free time, but if you want to be a Tomcat cheerleader then you are going to have to give up some things and face the consequences." stated Varsity cheerleader Kim Childers.

The Varsity cheerleaders have many fund raisers throughout the year. They sold make-up brushes, Tomcat Magnets, Bumpers stickers, and they also had a rock-a-thon.

Mitzi Cottle

Showing her enthusiasm during a home football game is senior Tina Dove. Tina was captain of this years varsity squad.



During a pep rally for a Boyd Co.-Ashland game, seniors Mike Keysor and Jodi Williams lead the crowd in cheers.

VARSITY: Shannon Klaiber, Tina Dove, Jodi Williams, Suzanne Justice, Sally Akers, Stacee Stephens, Amy Jones, Kim Childers, Sandi Allen, Greta DelSanto, Kim Brackman.

ught in mid-air is senior Sandi Allen. She was in the middle her routine. Sandi showed a lot of enthusiasm this year.

Taking a break during the per-game warm ups is senior Tina Dove and Sophomore Amy Jones.

"Cheering for Ashland has been fun and I've really enjoyed it. I think it is a good way to show your school spirit."

Stacie Stephens

Kicking up their heels during the school fight song are Juniors Shannon Klaiber and Kim Childers.

In pyramid position are juniors Kim Childers and Shannon Klaiber, sophomore Kim Brackman and senior Jodi Williams.

ng the school song, sophomore Amy Jones and senior di Allen showed their abilities to dance to the school song.

Showing her reaction to a good play is senior Suzanne Justice. She was injured during the season, but was able to cheer.

Mocking the hicks of Boyd County is sophomore J.V. cheerleader Angie Hicks as she helps fire up the crowd.

Kicking her leg high to show her excitement of a great play during a seasonal game is J.V. cheerleader Michelle Luquer.

Showing her maroon side of her Q-card is freshman J.V. cheerleader Kari Baer as she balances on Dusty Lovins' shoulders.

Freshman: First row - Lori Fisher; Second row - Kristy Justice, Angie Reed; Third row - Becky Senters, Jackie Wylie, Stacey Carter.

FIFTH in the NATION

The Paul Blazer Junior Varsity Cheerleaders had a very exciting and rewarding year in 1985-86.

On October 6th the girls received 3rd place at the 1st Annual King's Island Cheerleading Competition.

After placing 1st in the National Cheerleading Association Regional Competition at the University of Kentucky, the girls qualified for the NCA National Competition in Orlando, Florida. On December 28th they were named as one of the finalists and on December 29th received 5th place among 30 squads. This was a "first" for our school.

On March 27th the girsl competed in the State "Sweet Sixteen" Competition and brought home the 1st place trophy.

This has been a year of hard work, dedication and sacrifices, but certainly a year that they can remember.

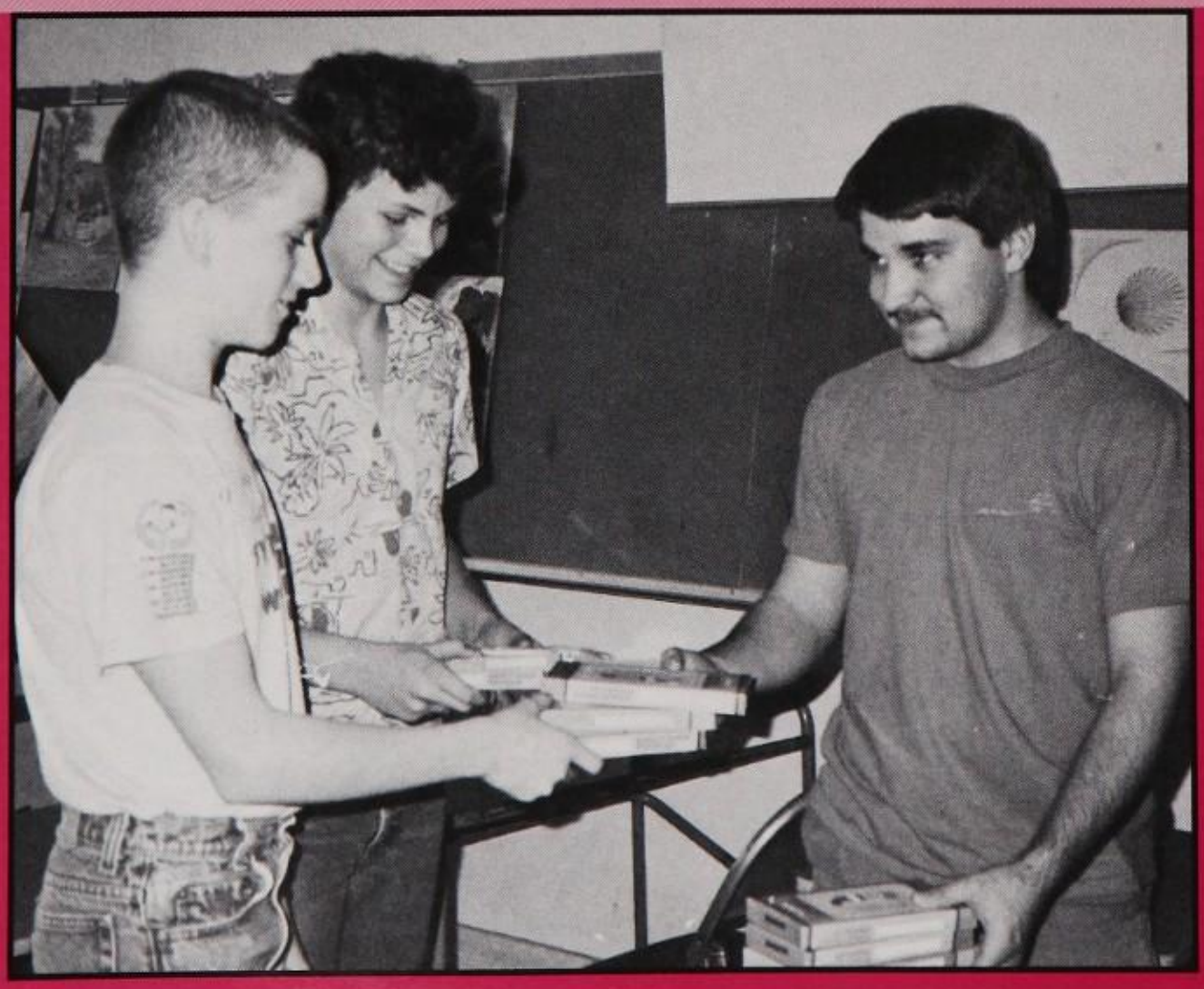
The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are sponsored by Cathy Goble.

Holding their pom-poms in unison are the Junior Varsity cheerleaders in the State "Sweet Sixteen" Competition.

Raising her arms as she helps fire up the crowd is freshman Junior Varsity cheerleader Michelle Leader.

Junior Varsity: First row - Taylor Woolery, Elaine Akers; Second row - Angie Hicks, Michelle Loucker; Third row - Mary Lowe, Michelle Leader, Dusty Lovins, Kari Baer.

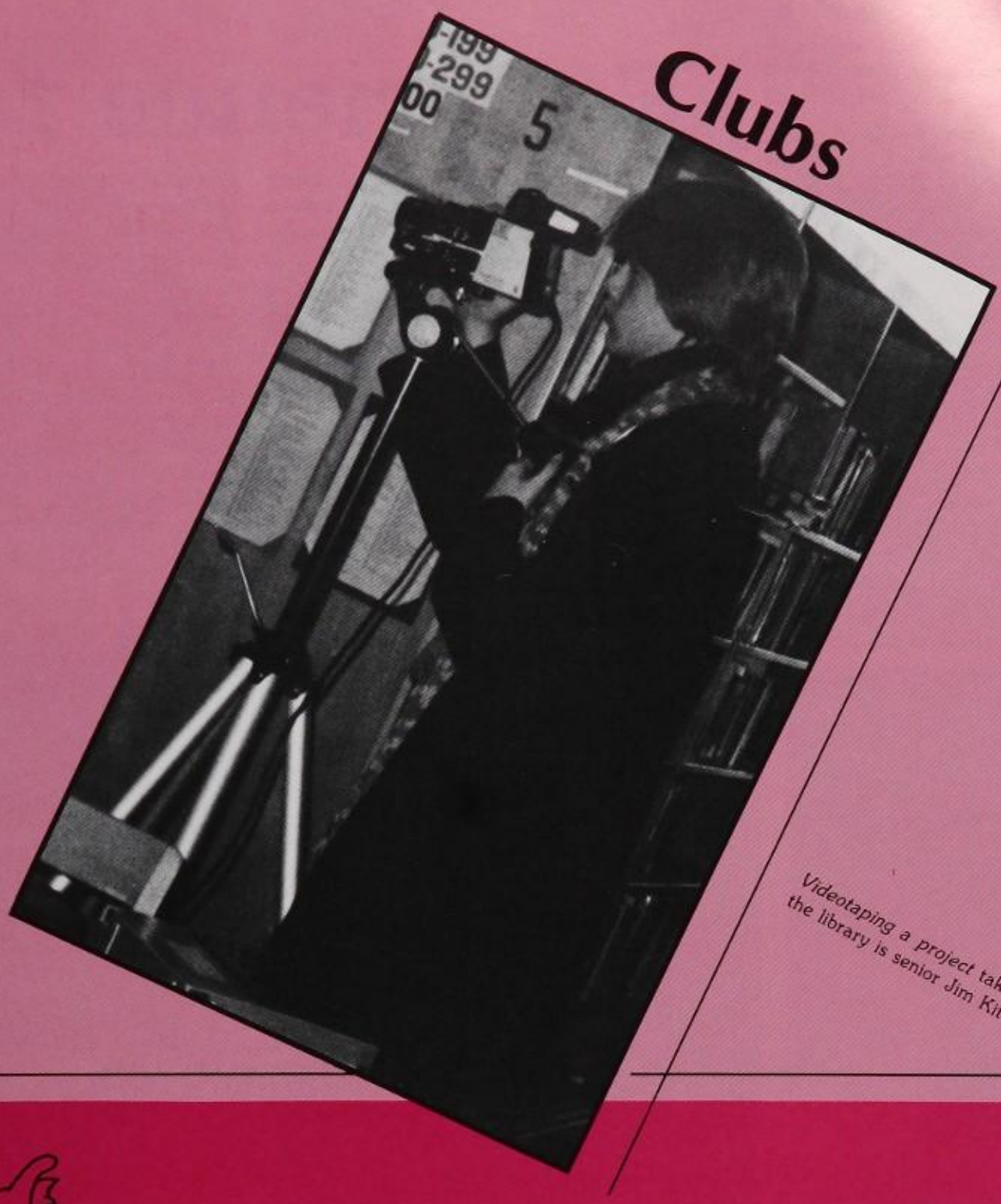
Counting money from the selling of pens for FBLA are senior members Stephanie Miller and Tina Dove.



Waiting his turn freshman Jason Gannon watches as Randy Vanover receives thermometers from senior Todd Childers Ski Club president.

Making suggestions about fund raisers for the 1986 school year is senior, Key Club member, Jackie Blackburn.

Clubs



Videotaping a project taking place in the library is senior Jim Kitchen.

Another way to turn

There are many different things to become involved in as one enters high school. Clubs make up a big part of the activity created at school. There are clubs for all types of people. Most all of the students are eligible for any of these. Each club is different because they have their own special interests.

Most clubs had fundraising activities. Car washes and selling candy were among the most popular of these. This year only one month, November, was the time allowed for the selling of candy.

Although every club is different they still serve the same purpose. Involvement and co-operation was the key to success.

THE SPECIAL INTEREST

K.A.S.C.

Experience for all

The Kentucky Association of Student Councils Convention was held in Covington, Kentucky November 8th & 9th. The hosts of this 39th annual convention were the members of the student council from Bellevue High School. The convention was held on Northern Kentucky University's campus. Forty-one students from Blazer and twenty-seven students from Verity traveled on Ohio Valley Charter buses to the convention. The students departed from Blazer at 3:30 on Friday afternoon. Bellevue sponsored a dance on Friday night. Our members decided not to attend. Instead, they supported the Tomcats by attending the regional football game between Ashland and Boone County at the Boone County Stadium. After the game they returned to the Quality Inn to socialize, swim or get something to eat. By one o'clock, all of the students were to be in their rooms.

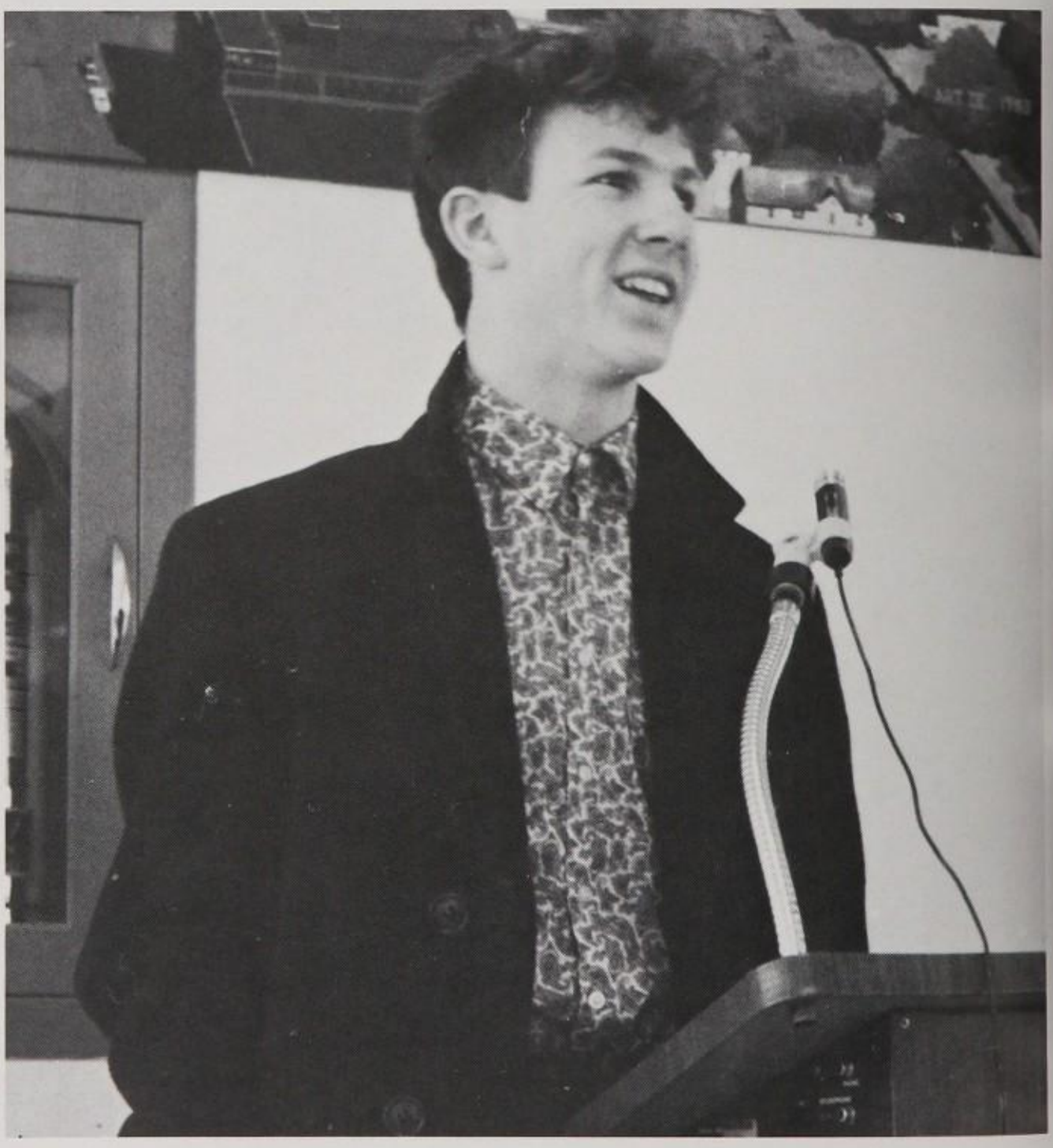
At eight o'clock the next morning, all students were up, dressed, and waiting for the buses to pick them up and take them to the campus. After welcomes and speeches from many distinquished speakers, there were nominations of officers: Sophomore Sally Akers represented our school by running for the President-Elect of K.A.S.C. Two other sophomores were also competing for the president's position. They were Shannon DuPree of Ohio County High School and Tommy Barnes from Western Hills School in Frankfort. Even though the votes were in favor of Shannon DuPree, Sally put a lot of hard work and dedication into her campaign. She represented Blazer very well.

After a tiring, but fun-filled two days, the students were eager to arrive back in Ashland to see that special person or go out with friends. Everyone felt the convention was a very enriching experience and are anxious to attend next year in Lexington hosted by Lafayette High School.

Mrs. Davis was the sponsor of the Student Council. She stated, "This has been a very busy and productive year. We started the year off by getting ready for Homecoming. All of the council members worked very hard, and did a great job. Homecoming was a big success, from the game to the dance. The council helped a great deal of families during Thanksgiving and Christmas with food baskets. It makes me happy to see young people help others. I feel our Student Council is the best one in the state."

Napping on the bus after a long weekend in Covington for the Student Council Convention are seniors Kim Eby and Donna Davis.

Giving out all the needed information during a meeting about Homecoming is senior president Bill McKinney.



"I enjoyed the State Convention in Covington. It gave me a chance to meet new people all over the state." - Sophomore Stacey Gray

Sophomore Student Council: Row one - Martin Ghassomians, Chris Eby. Row two - Scott Neill, Brett Henry, Joe Avila, Elliot Caggins, Sally Akers, Taylor Wollery. Row three - Stacey Henry, Donna Ison, Kim Nethercutt, Angela Spradlin, Julie Smith, Stephanie Cooper, Angela DeZarn, Sara Rice, Kerry VanHoose, Bryan Gearheart. Row four - Jack Wright, Stacey Gray, Angie Hicks, Gretchen Weinfurtner, Tim Beason, Caryn Sanford, Michael Moore, Stacey Koontz, David Burton.

Supporting sophomore Sally Akers for President of K.A.S.C. at the State Convention are seniors Kim Eby and Bill McKinney.

Looking over the materials before the convention are sophomore Sara Rice and senior Mark Miller.

"This was my first year in Student Council and I hope it's not the last. I enjoyed decorating for the dances and having a voice in student activities." - Freshman John Gifford.

Freshman Student Council: Row one - Rebecca Owens, Shannon Radjunas, Jan Alvey, Johana Evans, Andrea Lewis. Row two - Mike Roberts, Michelle Leader, John Gifford, Ron Rodman, Mike Rodman, Stacie Biggs. Row three - Matt Childers, Gene Vaughn, Lex Hyre, Jason Hall, Drew Haney, Tricia Howard.

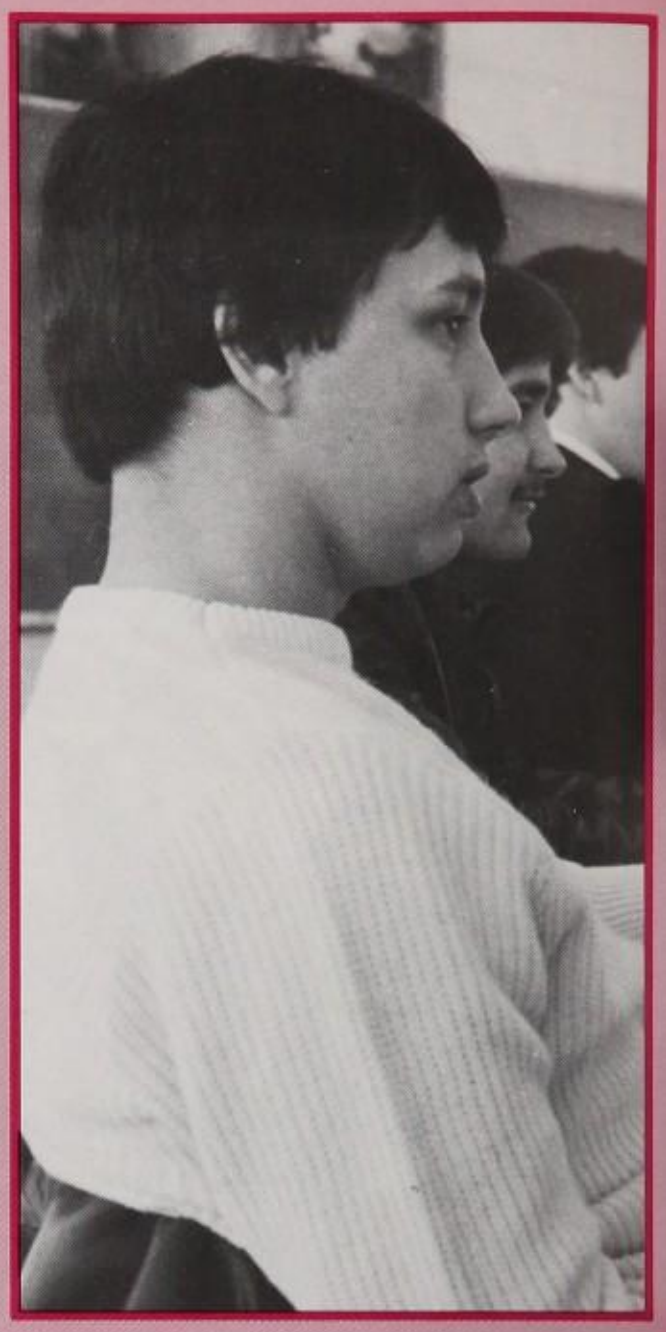
Stating his point of view about eligibility requirements for queen candidates is senior John Holmes.

Active Council
for '85-'86

The Student Council was very active during the 1985-1986 school year. With the money that was earned, the council made many new purchases and donations for the school. These included the purchase of the Hi-Q buzzer system and mirrors for the girls' restrooms. Donations were given to the Academic Booster Club in the names of Frank Smith and Jane Patterson, to the Hi-Q Team for their trip to Lexington, and to the"Grand Finale"; the chemical free all night party given for the juniors and seniors. The other activities sponsored by Student Council included:

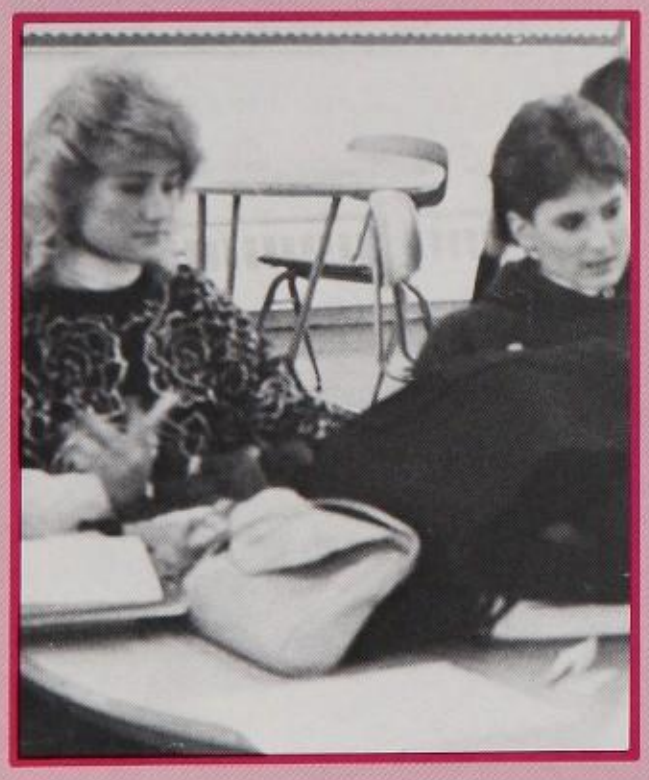
Homecoming Dance
Spirit Week
Carnival for Homecoming
Summer K.A.C.S. Workshop
Bloodmobile
K.A.S.C. Convention at Northern Kentucky University
Thanksgiving food drive
Attended the Boyd County Leadership Conference
Sponsored the Trivia Tip
Sponsored a dance to help the J.V. Cheerleaders
Collected money for the Hack Estep Boys Farm
March of Dimes Walk America
Held the O.K.A.C. Student Council Convention
Visited Rowan County High School for a day
Took Spring Trip to Kings Island
Gave 4 - $500 scholarships to seniors
Held elections for the officers for the 1986-1987 school year.

Junior member Amy Sergent stated, "Student Council has been very active this year. I am very glad I got involved in this club my freshman year, now I'm looking forward to my senior year."



Intently listening to the president telling about the K.A.S.C. convention is senior Ronnie Quillen.

Seniors S.C.: Row one - Tyler McCallister, Donna Davis, Todd Childers, Todd Malloy. Row two - Mrs. Davis, Bill McKinney, Kim Eby, Jodi Williams, Toby Tolbert, Kent Feazell, Rusty Blanton, David Gifford, David Rice, Greg Rice, Missy Forte, Mary Walter. Row three - Stephanie Miller, Sandi Allen, Suzanne Alvey, Jane Compton, Tina S. Smith, Stacee Stephens, David Barber, Jeff Kontz, Mark Miller.

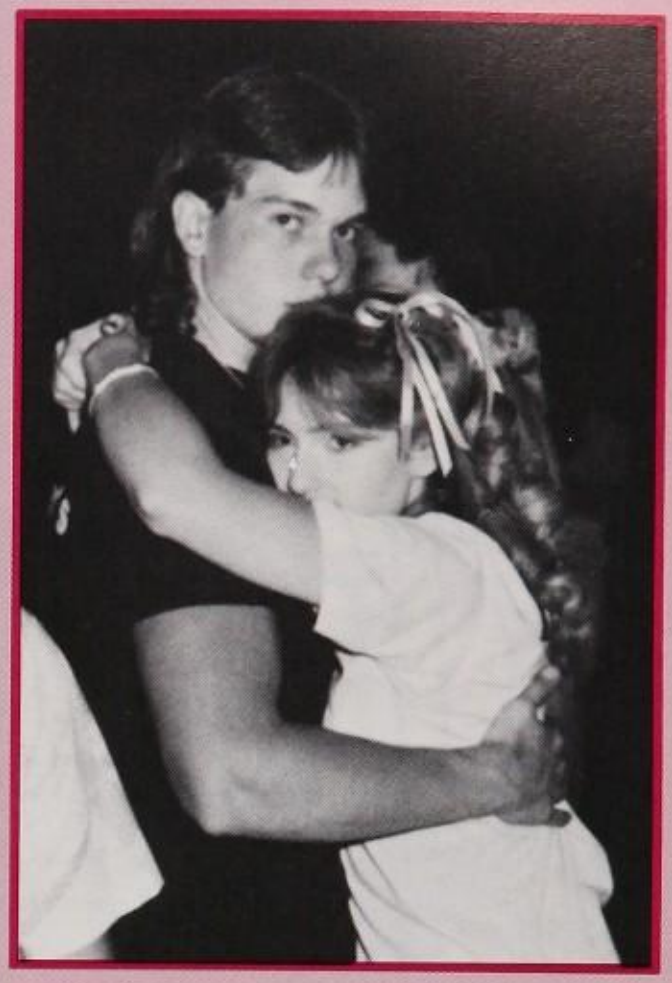


Giving 100% attention during a Student Council meeting are seniors Jodi Williams and Donna Davis.

Student Council Officers: Row one - Bill McKinney, President. Row two - Kim Eby, Vice-President, Greg Rice, Treasurer, and Angie Johnson, Secretary.

Helping to pay for the J.V. Cheerleaders trip to Florida is senior Student Council President Bill McKinney and cheerleaders Dusty Lovins, Taylor Woolery, and Angie Hicks.

Dancing the night away during the dance for the J.V. Cheerleaders' trip to Florida are senior David Rice and sophomore Gretchen Weinfurtner.



Junior S.C.: Row one - Steve Mason, David Castle. Row two - Angie Johnson, Robin Brown, Jerri Webb, Jane Thompson, David Cassity, Paul Henderson. Row three - Tim Quade, Brett Blackwelder, Kim Rodman, Tim Gray, Billie Kelley, Mori Boggs, Janni Farrar, Kim Childers, Kathy Kovar, Cathy Stavros, Kelley Patterson.

Registering guests from Ohio Valley Conference Schools are freshmen Mike Roberts, Angie Hicks, and Stephanie Meyers.

Preparing to give his speech, sophomore Tim Beason contemplates the duties of being Student Council treasurer.

The KEY to service

Some may think Key is just a club for boys but times have changed. Key Club is a section of the community service club, the Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis is an adult men's club. Key let the girls join about two years ago and the girls seem to be slowly taking over. Senior member Jackie Blackburn states, "I'm really glad they decided to let girls in Key Club. I've enjoyed being a member of Key and have had a lot of fun participating in the many activities we have done."

Key Club began their year on Labor Day with a car wash for Muscular Dystrophy. They donated $100 of the money they raised to Jerry's Kids.

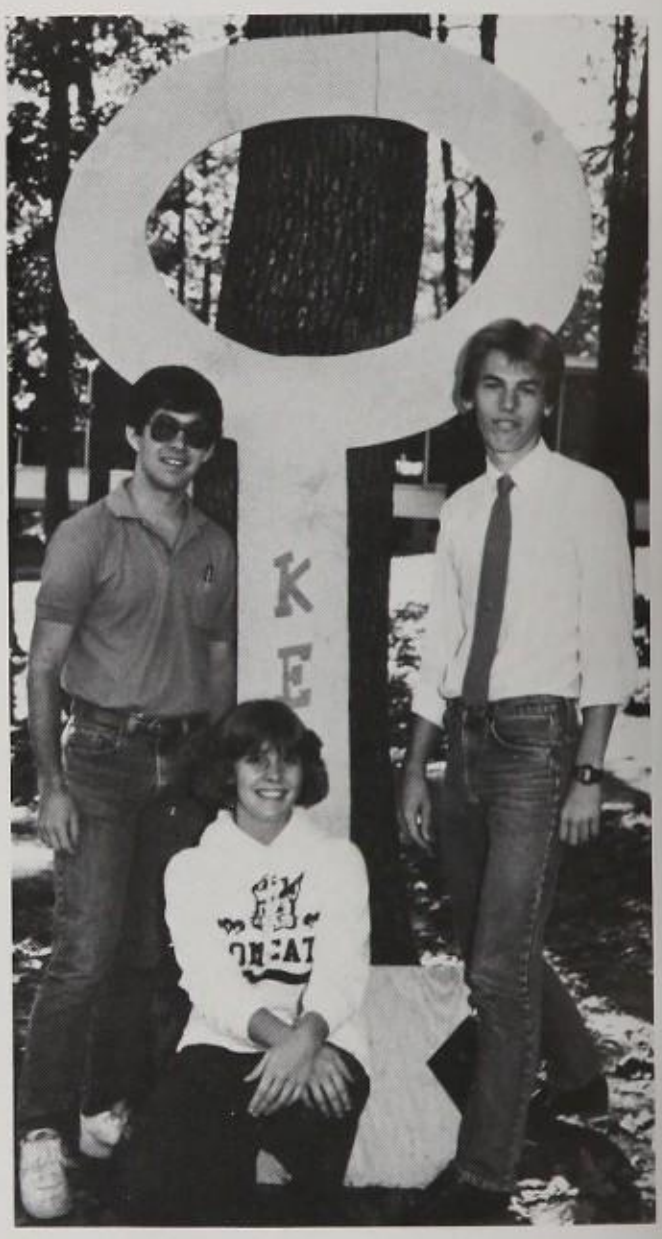
On Wednesday morning December 18 Key sponsored their annual Christmas breakfast to honor the teachers. They served doughnuts, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

Key was involved in two other fund raising activities. They joined forces with Sigmet and Theta to sponsor the Sweethearts Dance on February 8. Along with Video Club, Key sold flower bulbs for a little extra money.

The president of Key, junior Mike Brown, summed up his thoughts about the club. "It hasn't been easy being president of Key but I've really enjoyed doing it. Key is a lot of fun and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Stephanie Miller

Listening to an idea on fund raising by another member is Key President Mike Brown and sponsor Terry Mott.



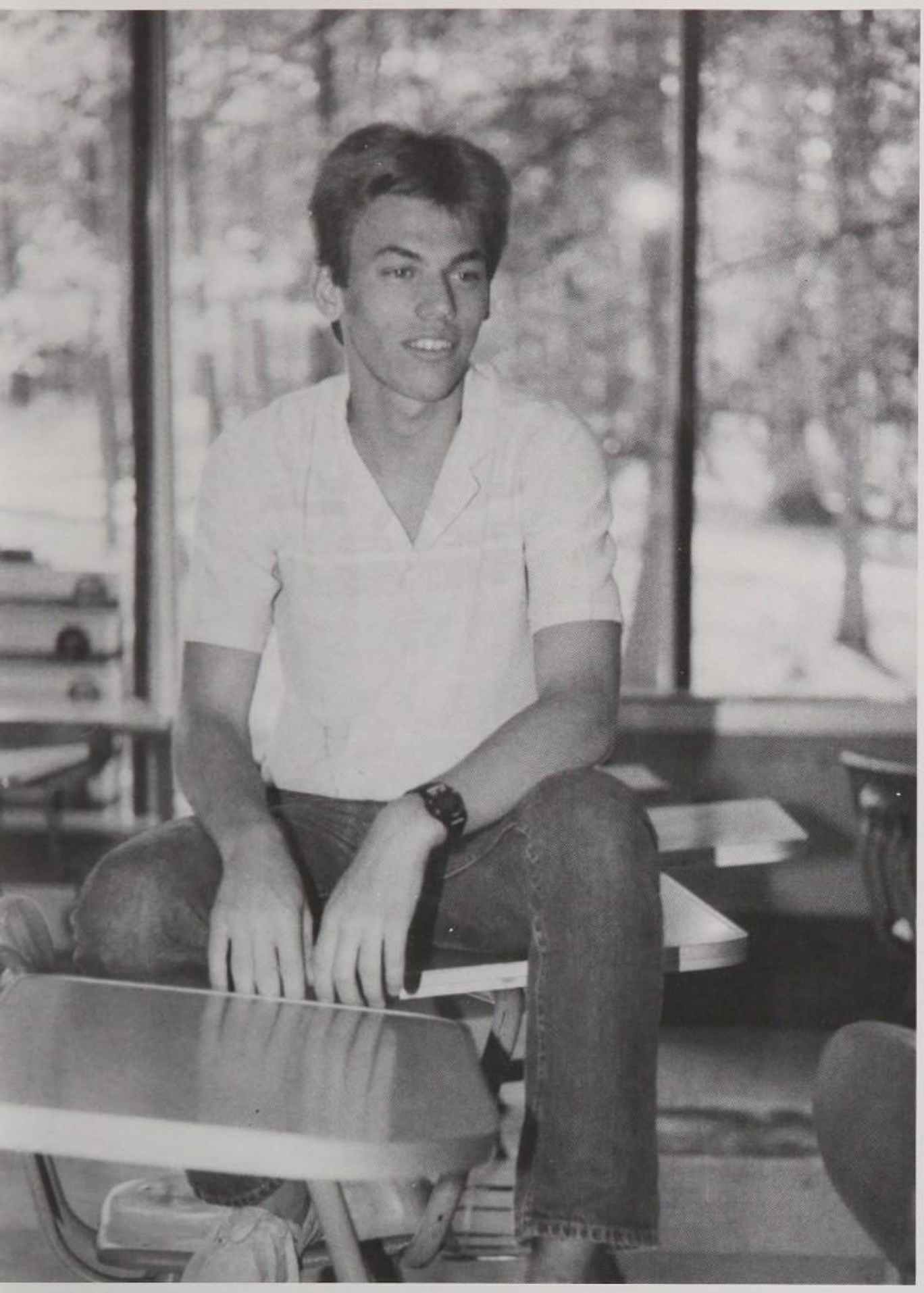
Key Club Officers - Grady Walter - Treasurer, Beth Walters - Secretary, and Mike Brown - President.

"Even though we're small in number, our club fulfills the goals set by Key Club International."
- Terry Pott

Laughing at a joke made during a Key Club meeting are senior Grady Walters and Jackie Blackburn.

Discussing their plans for the upcoming activities are seniors Lisa Brown. Jackie Blackburn, Grady Walter and sponsor Ms. Mott.

Taking advantage of the doughnuts served at the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is Mrs. Elam.



Listening to the discussion on ideas proposed by other Key Club members is president, junior Mike Brown.

Making sure everyone is having a good time at the Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by Key is senior Lisa Brown.

Key Club members 1st row - Margaret Eaton, Beth Walters, Kathy Heald, and Noel Quade. Back row - Jackie Blackburn, Barbara Brown, Grady Walter, Mark Vonderhide, Tim Tou, Mike Brown, Lisa Brown, and sponsor Terry Mott.

Signing pledge sheets for the walk-a-thon to support the March of Dimes are senior Theta members Missy Hunter and Sherry Crum.

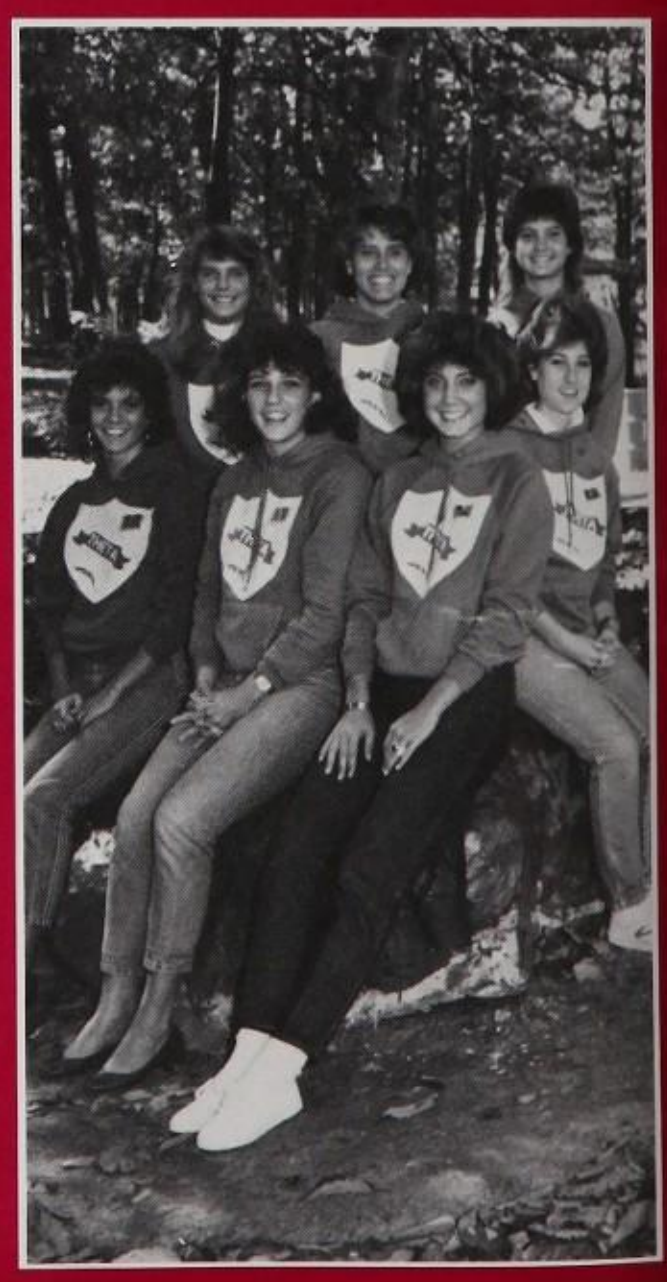
Preparing for the Theta Club meeting is senior president Jane Compton and sponsor Mrs. Matthews.

Theta a tradition

Theta, like every other club in the school has a certain number of service projects and fundraisings that need to be done during the school year. For Theta's big money maker, they took part in the homecoming carnival with a sponge throwing booth. The officers were the targets for the sponges, thrown by the students. The members also sold cheese and chocolates around Christmas time. For the service projects they collected canned and non-perishable foods from members and gave Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the needy. The members also collected money and walked in the Walk America for the March of Dimes. Theta along with the other two service clubs took part in sponsoring the Sweetheart's Dance in January. Recording Secretary Robin Meade stated, "Theta has had a lot of fundraisers a service projects this year. I was very glad to be a part of Theta my senior year".

There were nineteen new members chosen as rushees. On Monday, April 14 there was a get acquainted pizza party with the new members. Wednesday of the same week there was a "tea", for the new girls wanting to be club members were interviewed. Friday of that week the girls accepted into the club were picked up.

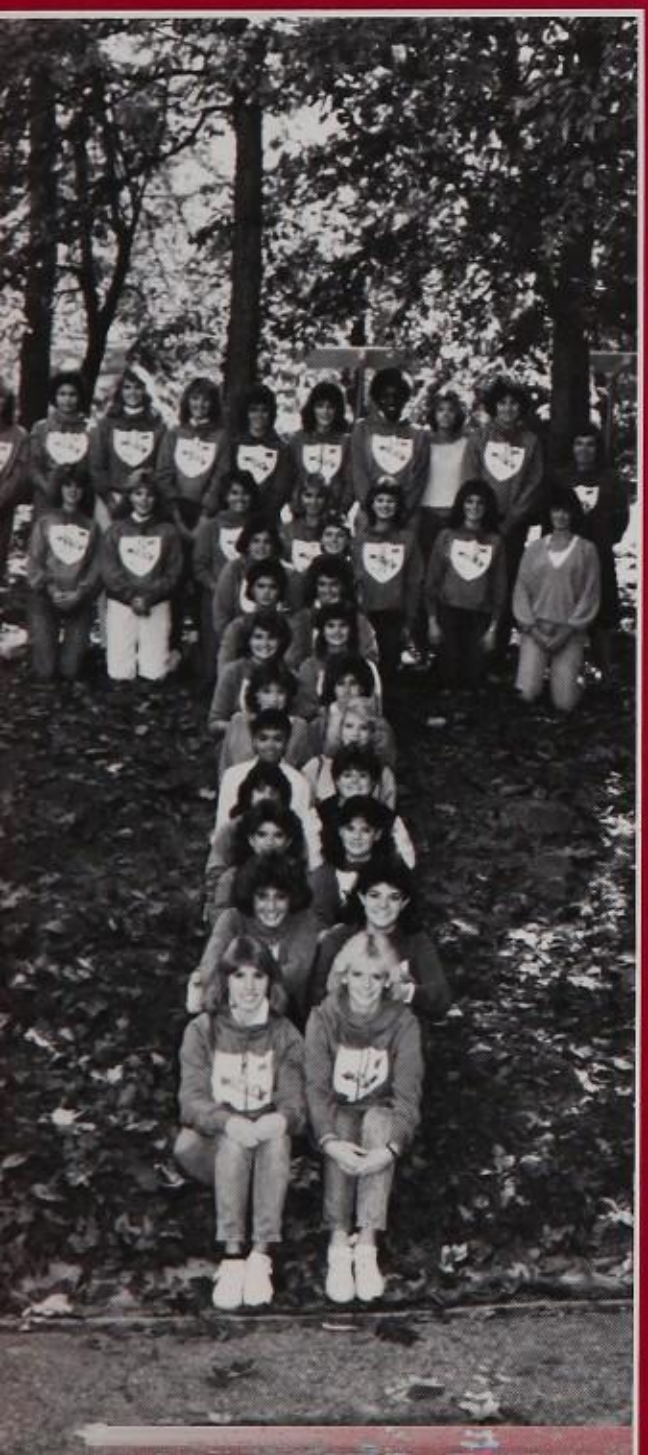
New member Jeri Williams, stated, "I really enjoyed the week of rush. It gave me a chance to sleep an extra twenty minutes." The annual banquet was held at Tony's Restaurant, and the new officers were installed.



Officers: Row one - Teresa Savage, historian; Jane Compton, president; Missy Forte, 2nd vice president; Robin Meade, recording secretary. Row two - Kim Eby, sargent at arms; Cindy Pitsenberger, treasurer; Jill Robinson, 1st vice president.

Getting ready for the meeting for the rushees to begin are sophomore Deanna Pinchion and senior Melissa Smith.

Cleaning the Bluegrass was just one of the many jobs sophomore Carrie Huber had to do on pick up night.



THETA: Allison Cooper, Heather Morgan, Kim Eby, Candi Canafax, Teresa Savage, Jane Compton, Angie Johnson, Mitzi Cottle, Cathy Stavros, Mrs. Matthews, Kelly Patterson, Tifanie Conley, Cindy Pitsenburger, Missy Hunter, Sabrina Riley, Tonya Baer, Angelia Burchette, Lori Henry, Susan Jones, Jennifer Maynard, Melissa Smith, Robin Meade, April Caggins, Kris Hart, Cathy Kovar, Jeannie Gray, Anita Sebright, Sherry Crum, Missy Forte, Ginger Moore, Mori Boggs and Kim Childers.

Discussing what their big sisses made them do on pick up night are sophomores Carrie Huber and Leslie Wellman.

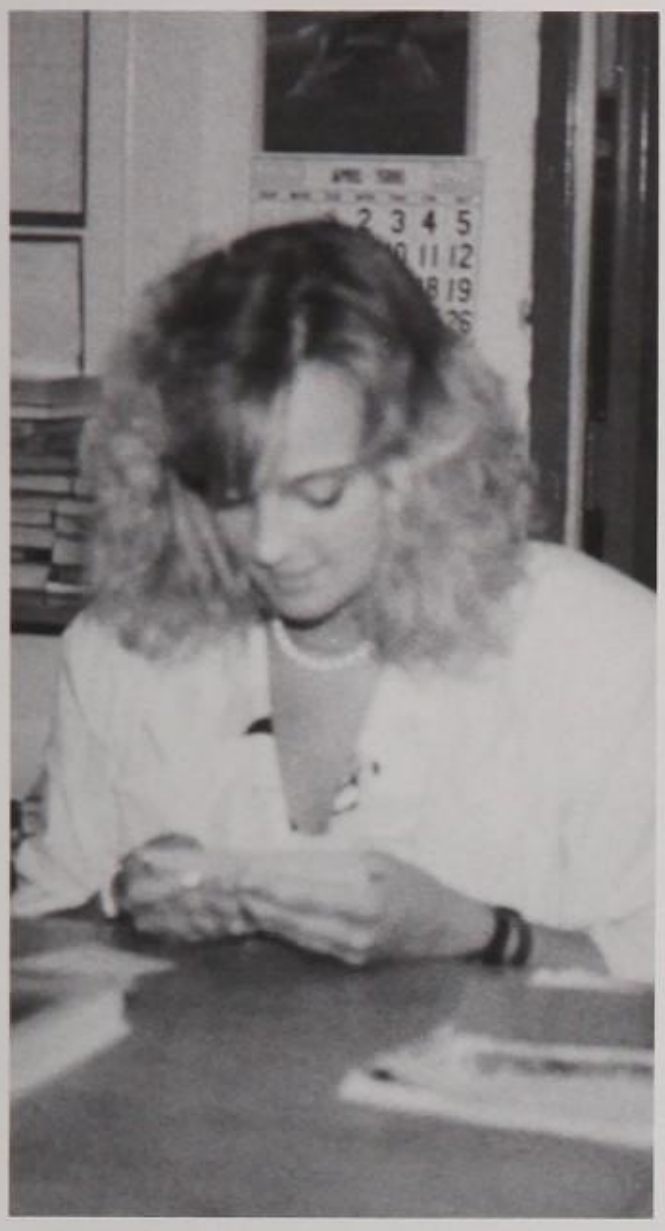
Looking over some last minute details on the banquet are members Michelle Moore, Mary Walters, Shelly Battista, Angela Spradlin, Kim Nethercutt, Teresa Hurley, and Christy Briant.

SIGMET

Sigmet: Front Row - Robin Brown, LaJohnda Highfield, Lynn Fisher, Marilee Quillen, Christy Bryant, Suzanne Justice, Beth Haney and Anne Williams. 2nd Row - Janita Hackworth, Tina Cooper, Wendy Early, Michelle Moore, Jennifer Taylor, Mary Walter, Suzanne Alvey, Sherri Himes, Valerie Leaver, Sandi Allen. 3rd Row - Barbara Scott, Amie Wolfe, Sponsor; Coach Heaberlin, Lisa Flowers, Cyndie Evans, Jerri Webb, Stephanie Miller, and Jane Thompson. Absent - Stacee Stephens.

Decorating a car in preparation to pick up the rushees are seniors Christy Briant and Janita Hackworth.

Counting money that was taken up at a Sigmet meeting is senior Suzanne Alvey. This was a collection of dues for the year.



SIGMET means closeness

Sincerity, Integrity, Gratitude, Merit, Endeavor and Truth. if you ever wondered what the letters in Sigmet stood for, those are the words. Just like Key and Theta, Sigmet is a community service club.

Sigmet started out the year on October 22 with interviews for new members. October 24 was the night all the girls who went for interviews waited anxiously to see if they got in. New member senior Tina Dove stated, "Pick-up night and rush week was a lot of fun but it was also embarrassing." Last year Sigmet began rushing in the fall instead of spring to give the seniors a last chance to be in a community service club (sorority) during high school.

This year Sigmet sold M & M's as a fund raiser. Most of the money went towards the winter dance that is sponsored by Sigmet, Key and Theta.

The 26 member club gave Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Also, they participated in the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Member Jane Thompson summed up her thoughts about being a Sigmet member. "Being in Sigmet is a good way to make close friends and to be able to help your community."

Sigmet rushees: Stephanie Cooper, Angela Spradlin, Tina Dove, Nikki Waggoner and Teresa Hurley listen to instructions given by president Janita Hackworth.

Checking the attendance at a Sigmet meeting after school are senior members Mary Walter and Michelle Moore.

Sigmet Officers: Front row - LaJohnda Highfield, sergeant at arms; Beth Haney, chaplain. Second row - Michelle Moore, treasurer; Mary Walter, vice-president; Christy Briant, vice-president and Suzanne Alvey, secretary.

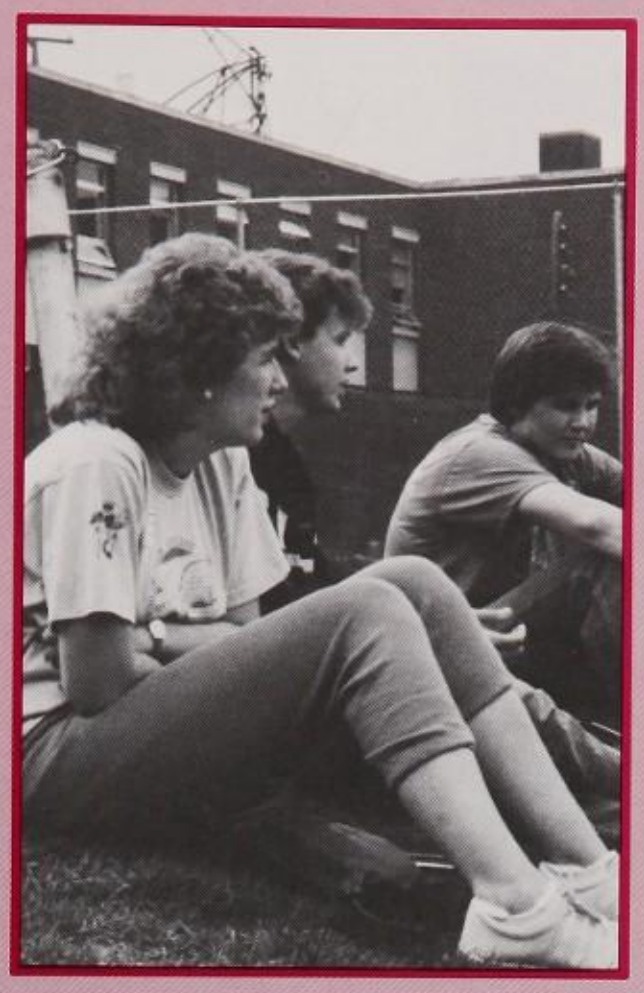
Enjoying lunch at the convention are juniors Cathy Kovar, Billie Kelley, and Robin Brown.

Listening to a discussion during an F.C.A. meeting concerning the Christmas party is Coach Connie Ryan.

FCA Members - Row one: Tim Grizzle, Barbara Brown, Cathy Heald, Tina Alexander, Dwight Blair, Lisa Brown, Renee Burchett, Todd Craig. Row two: Angie Johnson, Kristie Adkins, Michele Collins, Donna Ison, Stephanie Asberry, Beverly Hamilton, Kim Eby, Toby Tolbert. Row three: Tim Nelson, Stacy Biggs, Sally Akers, Shelly Henderson, Robin Brown, Billie Kelley, Jennifer Maynard, Ron Rodman, Robin McCann, Beth Bradley. Row four: Angie Hicks, Jackie Barrow, Angie Borders, Anne Greene, Amy Lowman, Angela Burchett. Row five: Cheryl Hutt, Debbie Thomas, Mori Boggs, Tiera Gonzales, Matt Estep. Row six: Angie Simpson, Mike Brown, Robby Rhodes, Tim Evans, Lex Hyre, Mike Carly.

Trying very hard to move the golf ball to the proper place in order to win the game is senior Tiera Gonzales.

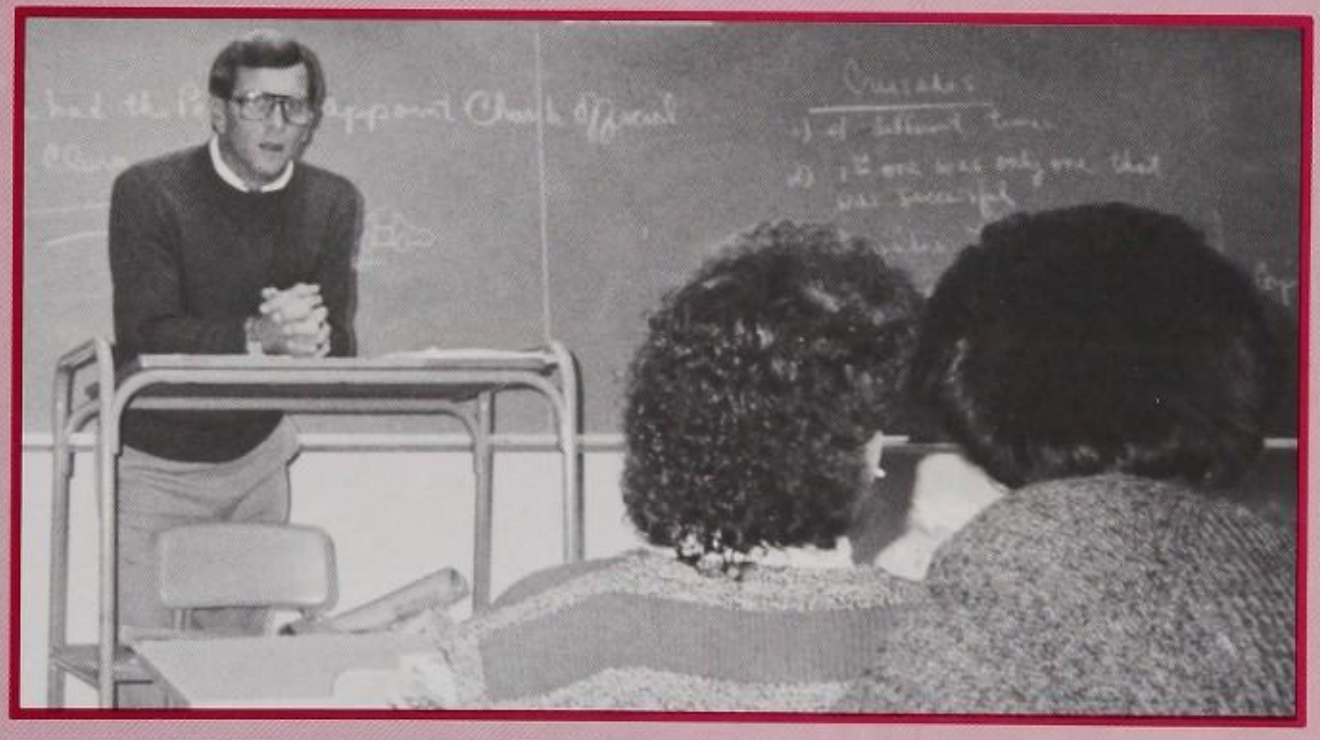
Listening attentively and enjoying the outdoors is freshman Gretchen Neubeck at a convention session.



Active

"Active" describes the F C A club this year. Weekly meetings were held in Coach Marsh's room. The members participated in many activities such as giving the invocation for ballgames, collecting cans for a fundraising project for needy children, attending the "Weekend of Champions", with guest athletes from U. of K., Georgetown, and Centre Colleges. A couple special events of the year were attending the state convention at Asbury College, and the State Banquet in Lexington where Coach Connie Ryan was named Fellowship of Christian Athlete "Coach of the year". Selected as Blazer's athletes of the year were Tiera Ganzales and Todd Craig. Other events were held such as a Christmas Party, and a picnic with Russell in Central Park.

Discussing programs for F.C.A. is sponsor Vic Marsh and members Kristie Adkins and Angie Johnson.



F.C.A. Officers: Kristie Adkins - Secretary-Treasurer, Angie Johnson - Vice-President, Todd Craig - Co-President, Tim Nelson - Chaplain, Toby Tolbert - Co-President, Vic Marsh and Connie Ryan - Advisors.

Art Club gives a chance to show ability

This year Art Club has participated in different competitions. They started out the year by attending the Marshall Academic Fair on March 8. Five members of Art Club participated. David Edmond received a third place in advertising. Other participants were Jodi Williams, Scott Edwards, John Cordle and Mike Daniels.

On March 28, all Art III and IV classes attended the Morehead Art Show. Only a few competed; they were Scott Edwards, C. B. Barber, Mike Daniels, Paige Beam and Jodi Williams. Scott Edwards received a second place for Pencil Drawing.

Joking around, senior C. B. Barber states, "Even though we didn't raise any money, we still had a good time." Asked what his thoughts were about Art Club, senior David Edmond said, "Art Club has given me a chance to excel in my drawing abilities."

Stephanie Miller

Trying to stay in the lines, seniors David Gifford and Jodi Williams give their drawings a finished touch. Art Club drew and painted the drawings seen in building one.

Discussing the finished artwork to be judged in an upcoming competition is Art Club sponsor Mr. Mick Sylvester and senior member Tim Evans.

Art Club officers - Robbie Simpson - secretary, treasurer, Jodi Williams - vice-president, and Tim Evans - president.

Art Club members: front row - Julie Riley, Keith Richardson and Stacey Richardson. Second row - Karen Meade, Brenda Bivins, Lajohnda Highfield, Jodi Williams and Melannie Hensley. Center standing - Kim Layman and Janita Hackworth. Back row - John Cordle, Chris Epperson, Scott Edwards, C. B. Barber, David Edmond, Tim Evans, Mr. Sylvester, Tiera Gonalez, Teresa Hatfield, Tim Quade, and Kristie Erwin.

DECA helps plan careers

Many people have asked the question "What is DECA?" DECA, or Distributive Education Clubs of America, deals with marketing, advertising, retailing, management, merchandising and financing.

As a fund raiser this year, DECA sold tumblers with a Tomcat emblem and other prints on them. The money they raised helped to send DECA members to the regional and state DECA Conferences.

On February 3, DECA members traveled to Berea College to attend a Regional Career Development Conference. Four students won at the Regional Conference and traveled on to State. They were Janita Hackworth - General Merchandising, Sherry Himes - first place and Kristy Stover - second place - Restaurant Marketing and Management, and Ron Quillen - Financing Credit. The state conference was held in Louisville on March 6, 7 and 8. Janita Hackworth placed in the top eight at state in General Merchandising.

"I was really happy I won at regionals and got to travel to state. Being in DECA has helped me learn about merchandising and that is a career I have in mind," states senior Janita Hackworth. Junior Kris Hart states, "I'm glad I got involved this year because now I understand more about retailing and merchandising and I know what to look forward to next year."

Checking her work on the computer to make sure it is correct is senior DECA member Amie Wolfe.

DECA members - seated - Kris Hart, Charity Caskey, Sherry Himes, Christy Briant and Lisa Flowers. Standing - Kim Tackett, Julie Lunsford, Robin Craig, Michele Collins, Michelle Sologic, Mary Van Hoose, Shelia Collins, Tim Evans, Janita Hackworth, David Thomas, Katie Adams, Greg Litteral, Dana Robertson, Bill Counts, and Kristy Stover.

DECA officers - Michelle Collins, secretary - Sherry Himes, treasurer - Kris Hart, vice president - Christy Briant, president.

FBLA win at regionals

FBLA, short for Future Business Leaders of America, began their year by electing the new officers for 1985-86.

FBLA sold jewelry to help raise money to send students to the Regional FBLA Leadership Conference. They also sold felt tip pens that stated "Class of 1986 Paul G. Blazer", and organizers by AVON.

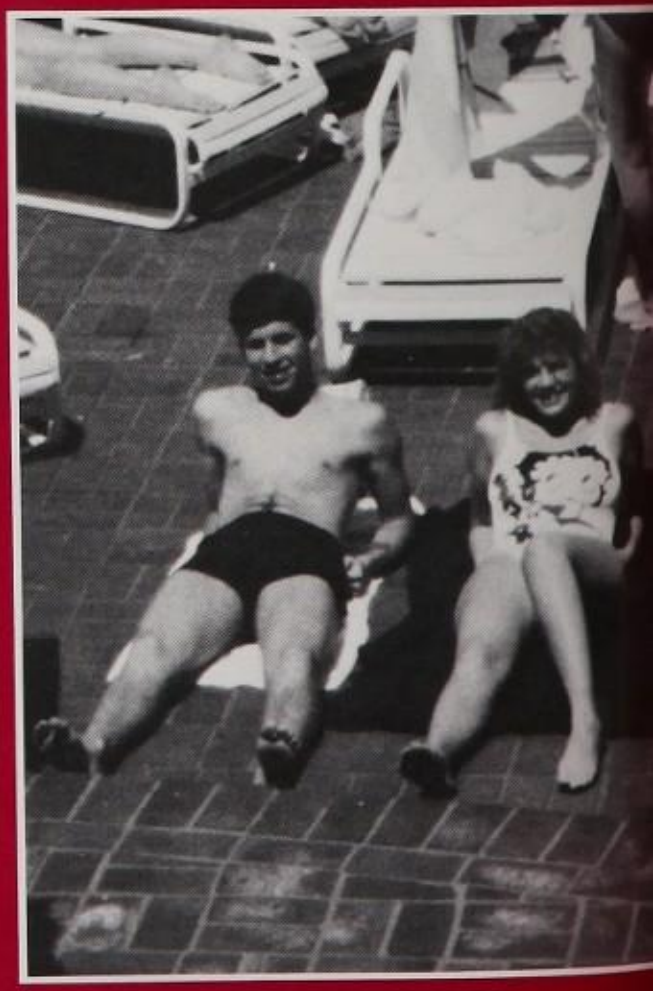
On March 27, nineteen FBLA members traveled to Morehead State University for the 1985-86 Regional FBLA Conference. Four students received a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. place to qualify them for state. Stephanie Miller placed 2nd in Word Processing/ Machine Transcription, Kevin Riley laced 3rd in Accounting II, Missy Lakin placed 3rd in Clerk Typing II, and Tina Thomas placed 3rd in Enterpreunship I. These four students traveled to Louisville April 24, 25, and 26 for the State Conference. Even though no one place 1st to qualify for Nationals in Washington D.C., they gained more self-confidence and leadership abilities. Senior Missy Lakin states, "It was a real honor to be able to travel to state for competition.

Even though we didn't win any awards we had a great time!" Freshman Tina Thomas states, "I'm so glad I got involved in FBLA my Freshman year. Now I know what FBLA is all about and I plan to get more involved my next 3 years of high school."

Regionals Winners: Freshman Tina Johnson, seniors Missy Lakin, Stephanie Miller, and Kevin Riley.

FBLA Officers - Kneeling: Leslie Ferguson - Treasurer. Row two: Teresa Hatfield - Historian, Angel Beardsley - Secretary, Tina Dove - president, Stephanie Miller - Vice-President, Beverly Hamilton - Reporter.

FBLA Members - Row one: Kecia Broughton, Stephanie Miller, Missy Lakin. Row two: Angel Beardsley, Tina Dove, Wendy Early. Row three: Roseann Perry, Robbie Conn, Teresa Hatfield, Leslie Ferguson, Doris Hall, Beverly Hamilton, Missie Maynard.



Lounging by the pool during the State FBLA competition in Louisville are seniors Kevin Riley and Stephanie Miller.

Displaying German hats to an elementary class are sponsor, Mrs. Ellison and her son as eager learners watch.

German Club teaches

German Club's major project this year was teaching German to the elementary students in second and fourth grades at Oakview. Members of the club were responsible for preparing the assignments. The students were taught some basic conversation in German as well as colors, numbers, days, and months of the year. The part-time teachers used innovative methods such as bingo games, color by number, and spelling bees in order for their students to learn.

Other activities throughout the year kept the club busy. In the fall, the club gave a Halloween party and sold candy and Christmas cards. They attended Winterfest at King's Island in December for a winter project. For spring, they dressed in authentic German costumes for a party.

Grading papers from her elementary classes, sophomore Kathy Ward gets the feeling of being a teacher.

German Club: Jennifer Maynard, Nancy Reneau - President, Kathy Ward - Secretary, Teresa Hill - Vice-President, Debra Thompson - Reporter, Kristie Adkins, Veronica Hensley, Angie Johnson, Tiera Gonzales, Karen Bolt, Kathleen Long, Daryl Hackworth, Becky Brown, Robin Brown, and sponsor, Karen Ellison.

Waiting their turn to fill their plates at the Spanish Honor Society Induction are seniors Beth Turman and Mary Walter.

Sitting on the steps early in the morning sophomore Debbie Riley waits on the bus for the trip to Kings Island.

Spanish III & IV: Front - Tim Grizzle. Row 1 - Anne Williams, Lynne Fisher, Cheri DePriest, Suzanne Alvey, Jill Robinson, Julie Jarvis, and Cathy Kovar. Row 2 - Senora Smith, Kevin Savage, Melissa Smith, Suzanne Justice, Beth Haney, Mary Walter, Allison Cooper and Rosanne Perry. Row 3 - Sandi Allen, Jane Compton, Sabrina Riley, Tina Smith, Kristen Kitchen, Christy Buckley, Heather Morgan and Cathy Stavros. Row 4 - Kristi Nunley, Mark McDonald, and Greg Harvey.

Spanish I & II: Front - Lori Henry. Row 1 - Deidre Riley, Sherry Stapleton, Anita Sebright, Taylor Woolery, Carrie Hale, Shelly Batista, Leslie Wellman, Stacey Koontz, Susan Ferraby and Mori Boggs. Row 2 - Angela DeZarn, Sara Rice, Sally Akers, Kim Childers, Margaret Eaton, Cindy Pitsenberburger, Jamie Lyons and Teri Stambaugh. Row 3 - Ed Davis, Susan Stanley, Devon Fluty, G. G. Rife, and Cheryl Hutt, Caryn Sanford, Tonya Baer, Amy Tullis, Angela Hacker, Mary Varney, Stephanie Carroll and Candi Canafax. Row 4 - Chris Eby, Robin Coburn, Christy Ford, Julie Killen, Valerie Leaver, Stacy Gray, Amy Jones, Dianne Bales, Beth Gossett, Pam Stanford, Mark Salyers and Debbie Riley.

Writing down new ideas for the Spanish club to enjoy is senior Cindy Pitsenberger, president.

"This year the Spanish club did so many activities, it made the year seem like one big fiesta," said Kim Childers.

A "Fiesta" of a year

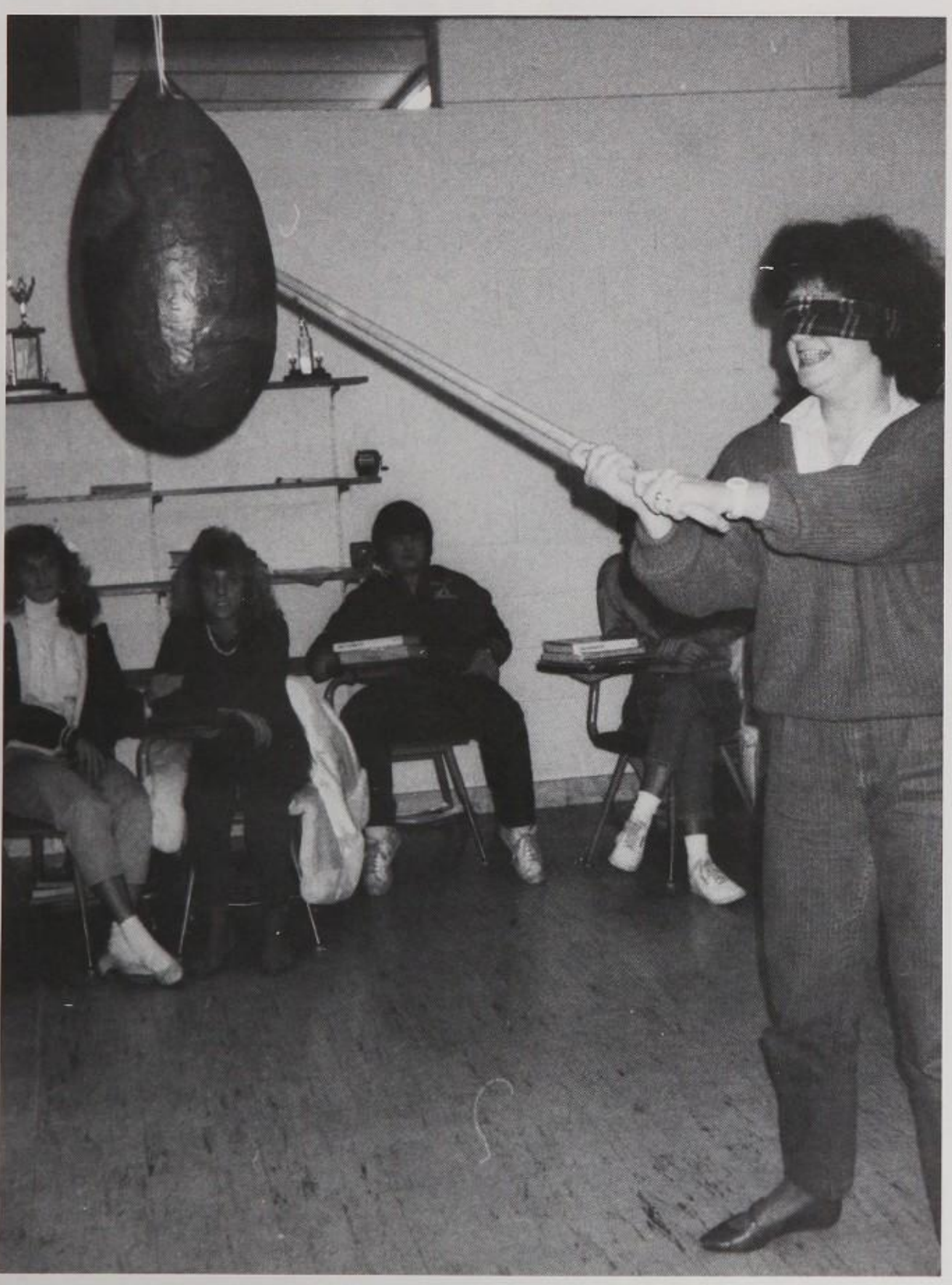
This year's Spanish Club has been very busy, whether it was a service project or a "get together" just for fun. The members started the year with Homecoming activities. They had the most popular booth at the carnival, a taco stand that sold homemade tacos and soda. During the game, they participated in the banner competition. The members held a halloween "fiesta" party at Christy Buckley's house. Service projects included giving Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to needy families in the area. The last service project of the year was participating in the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon held April 26.

For the club's fund raisers, they held a car wash behind Rax and sold various types of candy bars. The money raised helped pay for the seniors meal at Fiesta Bravo and the trip to King's Island May 23 & 24.

Cathy Stavros was elected president for the 1986-87 school year. Other officers elected were: Cathy Kovar - vice-president, Debbie Riley - secretary, Susan Ferreby - treasurer, and Devon Fluty - historian. Beth Gossett, junior Spanish I member, stated: "I enjoyed being in Spanish Club this year. It gave me a chance to meet new people. That was very important to me since it was my first year at Blazer."

Ginger Moore

Laughing as they fill their plates during a Spanish club party are sophomore members Stacey Gray and Cheryl Hutt.



Spanish club officers: Anne Williams, vice-president; Beth Turman, secretary; Cathy Stavros, historian; Cheryl Hutt, treasurer; Cindy Pitsenberger, president.

Swinging with intentions of breaking the pinata, sophomore Julie Kilin takes part in the Spanish class festivities.

Recibiendo PRIMERAS Honras

Spanish Honor Society is not an ordinary club where you can just go through invitation or go to the meetings before or after school. For this club it is based on your scholastic abilities and grade average in Spanish. The club had it's annual Christmas party at Bill McKinney's house on December 15, 1985. At this party the members brought different types of too prevelant to Mexico and Spain. Junior Allison Cooper said, "I enjoyed the Christmas party that Bill hosted. It gave us all a chance to talk in Spanish outside of the classroom." The club also held the annual induction ceremony for new members in March. New member, Sandi Allen said, "I feel fortunate to have been inducted into Spanish Honor Society. It was a great honor." During the ceremony Spanish poetry was read and senior, David Hill, president led a membership oath. When the Spring weather came, the senior members had a special cookout. It was the last time they would all be together. Senior member, and secretary Beth Haney, summed up the year by saying, "It is a very educating club, and I appreciate Mrs. Smith's hard work and dedication to our club."

Ginger Moore

"I have worked hard in Spanish for many years in order to keep my grades up so I could be a member of Spanish Honor Society. To me this is a privilege."

- Senior Suzanne Alvey

Reciting their Spanish poem during the induction ceremony to Spanish Honor Society are seniors Sandi Allen, David Hill, Beth Haney, Jane Compton, and junior Allison Cooper.

Looking over her spanish poem before reading it at the induction is senior, secretary Beth Haney.

Members: David Barber, Suzanne Alvey, Beth Haney, Allison Cooper, Missy Hunter, Jill Robinson, Kristi Nunley, Jane Compton, Mary Walters, Greg Rice and Mrs. Smith.

Spanish Honor Society Officers: Secretary, Beth Haney; Vice-President, Jane Compton; Treasurer, Suzanne Alvey and absent from photo President, David Hill.

Taking TOP Honors

This year's National Honor Society started off the year by having a dance on January 11. They also had several bake sales during the entire year. Senior member Greg Rice stated, "The dance went over very well even though many students were gone on the ski trip. I am glad I got to be a part in the National Honor Society dance."

On Thursday, February 20, the members left for the National Honor Society State Convention in Owensboro, Kentucky. The convention started on Friday. The members competed in the Hi-Q competition. On Saturday, the convention came to a close with an awards ceremony. Senior, Bill McKinney received a second place in the overall math competition.

Induction ceremonies were held on May 22nd. New members were inducted into the Society at this time. They were: Jonathan Evans, Ish Stevens, Ed Davis, Jimmy Woolery, Kim Rodman, Donald Shaw, Kelley Patterson, Tracy Burchett, and Kelly Ennis. Many members received scholarships for college. Mrs. Vincent, sponsor of this eighteen member club, summed up the year by saying, "This was an outstanding group of kids - both academically and socially. We had a lot of fun and hopefully there have been friendships developed among these kids that will last a lifetime. I know they will always be an easy group to remember for many reasons."

Signing the list for an upcoming bake sale, senior Candi Canifax signs up to bring her famous brownies while junior Mori Boggs looks on.

Officers: Diane Bales - Chaplin, Rick Long - Vice President, Cindy Pitsenberger - Parliamentarian, Chris Howell - President, Noel Quade - Secretary, Margaret Eaton - Treasurer

National Honor Society: Row 1 - Jeff Koontz, Rick Long, Margaret Eaton, Noel Quade, Bill McKinney, Tobey Tobert, Diane Bales, Jeff Palmeter, Tammy Daniel. Row 2 - David Hill, Candi Canifax, Kevin Riley, Mrs. Vincent - sponsor, Greg Rice, Beth Turman, Jon Goolsby, Cindy Pitsenburger, Kristi Nunley, Chris Howell.

Jumping off the edge of the mobiles with arms extended is junior Kim Childers on the slopes during the Ski club trip.

Teetering off the edge of the mogul is junior Brian Rice as he shows his expertise on the snow.

Ski club officers: Donna Davis, reporter; Christy Briant, treasurer; Mary Walter, secretary; Brett Henry, Vice-President and Todd Childers, President.

'BLAZING' the slopes

Earning money is a necessity in any club, but to the Ski Club, the earned money meant that they could have two funfilled days of "hitting" the slopes in Mansfield, Ohio. For the fund raisers this year, the members took part in the selling of two year plan calanders, brag books, and therometers. Twelve hundred dollars was raised to aid in paying the cost of the motel bill.

Waking in the morning in time to be at school before 7:00 in the morning on a Saturday was not easy, but for the anxiously waiting skiiers, nothing could stop them. The skiiers arrived in Mansfield about 11:00 a.m. on January 11. They went to the L K Motel to dress in their ski clothes. They arrived at the ski lodge and skiied down the slopes until 9:00 p.m. Even though the students were tired, most students visited with friends until 1:00 a.m. in their rooms. On Sunday, about 15 students got up and skiied from 8:00 a.m. until noon. By 12:30 all of the students were on the bus and on their way home. The buses arrived back at Blazer about 5:00 p.m. Even though the students had a good time, all were tired, and sore. All are anxiously waiting for the snow to come again next year, so they can hit the slopes once more. Junior member Mitzi Cottle summed up the weekend by saying; "It was my first time ever skiing, and I can't wait to go back again next year."

Basketball is not the only sport which interests Kittens Coach Connie Ryan, as she skis down the slopes.

Trying to keep her balance as the two rope pulls her up the bunny slope is sophomore member Kim Brackman. This was only her first day so she needed to get used to the ski lift.

Showing that it is not as easy to ski as it looks is sophomore Teresa Hurley as she picks herself up off of the slope. The Ski Club took their trip on January 11, 1986 at the Snow Trails Ski Lodge. They ended up with two bus loads of students going.

Getting their skis together are freshmen Christy Homan and Natalie Fields as they prepare to hit the slopes once again.

History in the Making

The Young Historians have sponsored many new and old activities this year. They held the Meet the Candidates Forum during an evening meeting. A History mobile came on campus to let the history students visit the exhibit. They had a History Day held in the library. There were many speakers from the Historical Society.

Several members of the club traveled to Bowling green for the state convention (K.J.H.S.). Another road trip was an officer's workshop in Frankfort.

Fund raisers included selling of candy and McDonald's Cares sales.

In the spring there was a Civil War reinactment on campus for students to visit during their history period.

The members took part in the State Capitol's 75th anniversary celebration. They also participated in the Ashland Home and Garden Tour. They took another road trip to Frandfort for the General Assembly.

Young Historians: Row one: Diane Bales, Noel Quade, Margaret Eaton, Kim Rodman, Chris Frazier, Mori Boggs, Kristen Kelly, Beth Walters, Alysa Stephens, Traci Hayner, Renee Burchett, sponsor, Mrs. Dykes. Row two - Kevin Savage, Tim Quade, Beth Brown, Gayle Moatz, Todd Lovins, Kelley Patterson, Andrew Foster, Jane Thompson, Christy Ford, Susan Ferreby, Julie Artis, Anne Williams, Robbie Conn.

Giving a demonstration to the Young Historians Club is the guest speaker Orville Smith.

Officers: Tim Quade - photographer, Kevin Savage - Vice-President, Diane Bales - President, Kristen Kelly - reporter, Mori Boggs - Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Dykes - Sponsor, Beth Brown - Historian, Chris Frazier - Treasurer.

Listening intently during an important meeting with the Boyd County Young Historians Club are several members.

French Food was the focus of activities

The French Club's activities for the 1985-86 school year mainly revolved around French food. Heather Russell hosted a crepe party for the club members. Everyone was responsible for bringing the key ingredients for delicious main entré crepes or mouth-watering dessert crepes. Another "calorie adder" party was hosted by Lisa Fahrson. This "get together" consisted of various kinds of cheeses and desserts.

In November, the club took a road trip to Idian Hills High School in Cincinnati. Miss Mott and student teacher Miss Fathergill chaperoned the students to hear a French speaking singer. The highlight of the trip was of course, food. Eight members dined at the five star Maisonnette restaurant for an original French lunch.

As service projects, the club made food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also during the Christmas season, Stacey Henry and Missy Forte organized a Caroling party.

Preparing to leave for a French Club trip to Cincinnati is Sponsor, Mrs. Rena Stamer.

French Club: Row one - Stacey Henry, Christy Briant, Deanna Pinchin, Mike Roberts, Crissy Corwin, Heather Hawes. Row two - Missy Forte, Gretchen Weinfurtner, Eric Persinger, Tina Thomas, Julie, Artis, Todd Palmeter. Row three - Heather Russell, Amy Richardson, John Barker, Ashley Ciminella, Lisa Fahrson, Steve Dixon. Row four - Angie Zeller, Gayle Moatz, Kim Rodman, Kim Nedrow, Grady Walter, Andrea Nabring. Row five - Jackie Blackburn, Emerson Stambaugh, Stephen Meyers. Row six - Robert Wright, Tim Tou, Roger Evans, Mike Rodman.

French Club Officers: Missy Forte - President, Grady Walter - Treasurer, Todd Palmeter - Historian, Lisa Fahrson - Vice-President, Stacey Henry - Secretary.

Watching and listening to the activity of the French Club meeting is club President Missy Forte.

Discussing what their next project will be is sponsor Mrs. Bogardus and freshman Mike Moran and sophomore Mike Skarbowski.

Watching a videotape for mistakes before it can be judged is freshman Becky Brown and senior Beth Brown.

Practicing videotaping in the library for upcoming competitions is senior Jim Kitchen.

Video Club members - front row - Becky Brown, Beth Brown, Kathy Marshall, Nancy Baldridge, Nancy Reneau and Teresa Hill. Back row - Kathy Bogardus, Mike Skarbowski, Dan Bogardus, Mike Moran, Jud Anglin, Tim Tou, Keith Craycraft and Chris Frazier.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Checking out the new equipment to make sure it works correctly is sponsor Mrs. Bogardus and junior Chris Frazier.

The Video Club has definitely been busy this year. They have videotaped teachers during teacher evaluation. They also have videotaped sport games for various coaches.

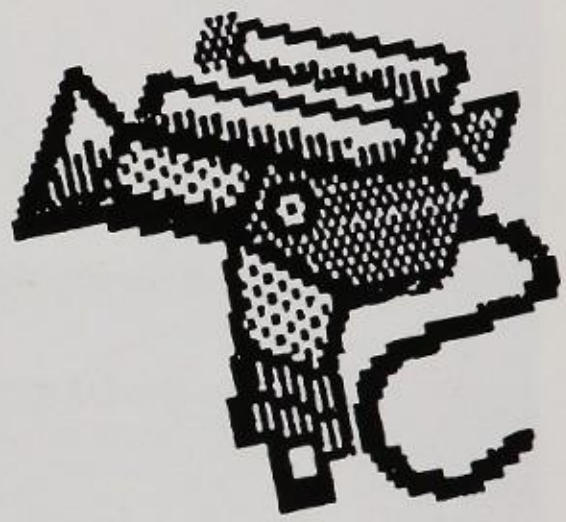
Since this year is the first year for Blazer to have computers, the Video Club produced and edited a twenty minute tape on "Computers at Blazer." A member of Video Club senior Keith Craycraft said, "I enjoyed doing the tape on 'Computers at Blazer.' It was a real challenge and it also helped me learn more about computers."

On March 29 twelve members traveled to Lexington to attend a workshop at KET. Also some members entered videotapes to be judged. Individual entires were made by Chris Frazier and Nancy Reneau. A group project was entered by Joel Martin, Mike Moran and Jud Anglin.

For fund raising activities this year, the Video Club combined with Key Club and sold flower bulbs. Senior Kathy Marshall said, "This is my third year in Video Club. I'm really glad I got involved."

Stephanie Miller

Video Club officers - Nancy Reneau, treasurer - Nancy Baldridge, secretary - Chris Frazier, president - Keith Craycraft, vice president.



Listening closely to instructions given by Mrs. Bogardus on how to use the camera is senior Jim Kitchen.

Showing their acting talents during a Theatre Arts class are Freshman Susan Blevins and Colleen Opell.

Anxiously awaiting for the results of a Speech and Debate tournament at Morehead State University is sponsor Sam Butler.

Speech and Debate Team Officers: Sam Butler, Sponsor; Kristen Kelly, president; Leslie Wellman, Sec./Treas.; Debbie Riley, Vice President.

Never Speechless

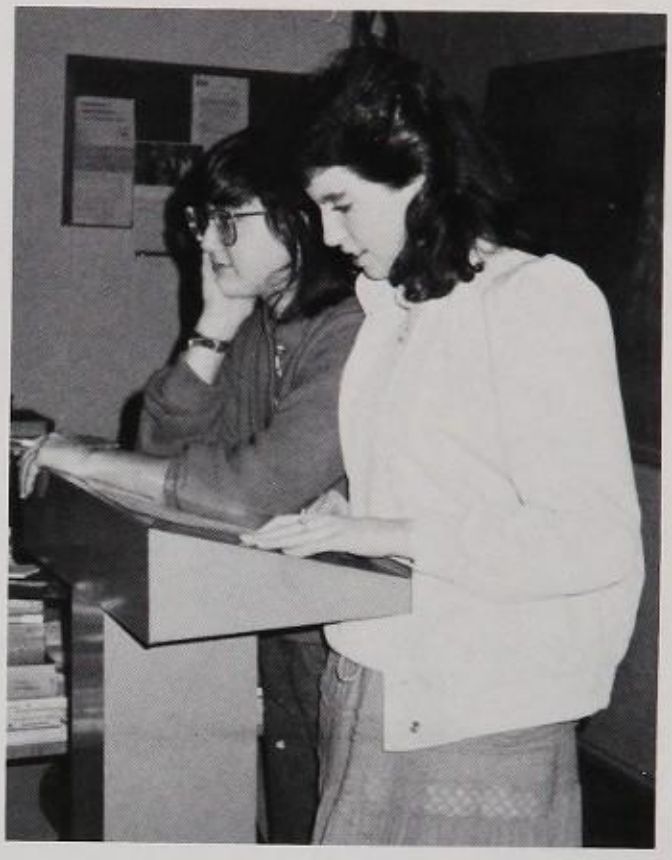
The Speech and Debate team has been busy this year participating in many different speech competitions. On February 1st they competed in the Bardstown High School Invitational Speech Tournament and on February 15th they participated in the Regional Speech Tournament at Morehead State University. The play "Kentucky Marriage Proposal" won the Regional Drama Festival at Morehead and competed in the State Drama Festival at the University of Kentucky. The cast consisted of Chris Sologic, Cheryl Nunley, and Janni Farrar.

At the Johnson Central High Speech Tournament Crissy Corwin/Debbie Riley placed 3rd in Duo Acting, Beth Walters/Chris Sologic 3rd in Duo Interpretation, Chris also placed 2nd in Humorous Interpretation, and Kristen Kelly 1st in Storytelling. At the Kentucky Dramatic Arts Festival Crissy Corwin/Debbie Riley 3rd in Duo Acting, Kim Nedrow 3rd in Broadcast Announcing, 2nd in solo acting, and 1st in Prose Interpretation. Kristen Kelly placed 4th in Storytelling at the Montgomery County Speech Tournament.

Speech and Debate sold 2-year calendars with the school emblem on them to raise money to send students to competitions. They also had a car wash Saturday May 10th and raised over $100.00 for extra spending money.

Kristen Kelly said, "Being on the speech team is fun and exciting. Another advantage is I don't get nervous and I speak better when I have to give a speech in any of my classes."

Stephanie Miller



Preparing for an oncoming debate in Mr. Butler's room are Sophomores Crissy Corwin and Debbie Riley.

Giving sound advice to Junior Kristen Kelly before debate competition is sponsor Sam Butler.

Speech and Debate Team: Row one: Gary Bailey, Christina Fleshman, Debbie Riley, Trish Howard, Chris Sologic, Andrea Lewis, Kristen Kelly, Heather Hawes, Sam Butler (Sponsor). Row Two: Nancy Baldridge, Ian Pruitt, Beth Walters, Veronica Hensley, Leslie Wellman, Crissy Corwin, Stephanie Miller, and Rebecca Messer.

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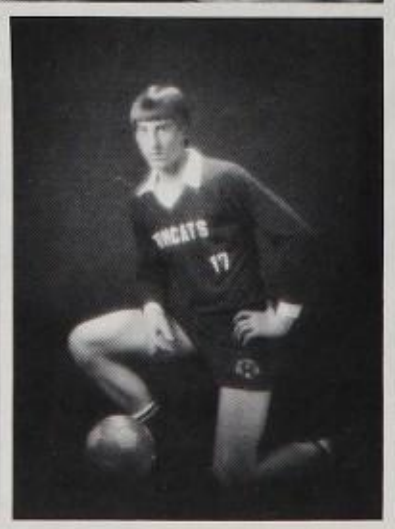

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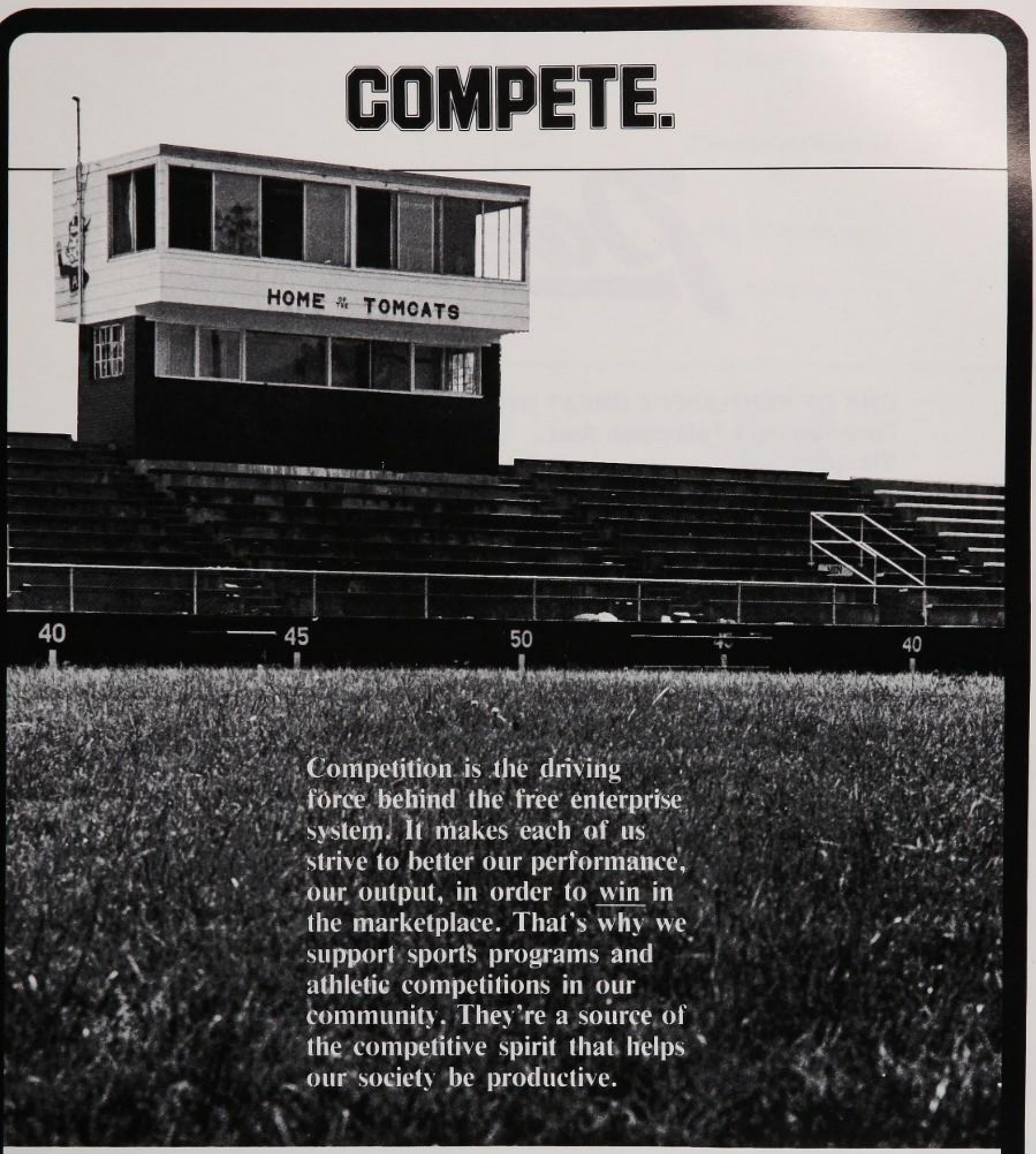

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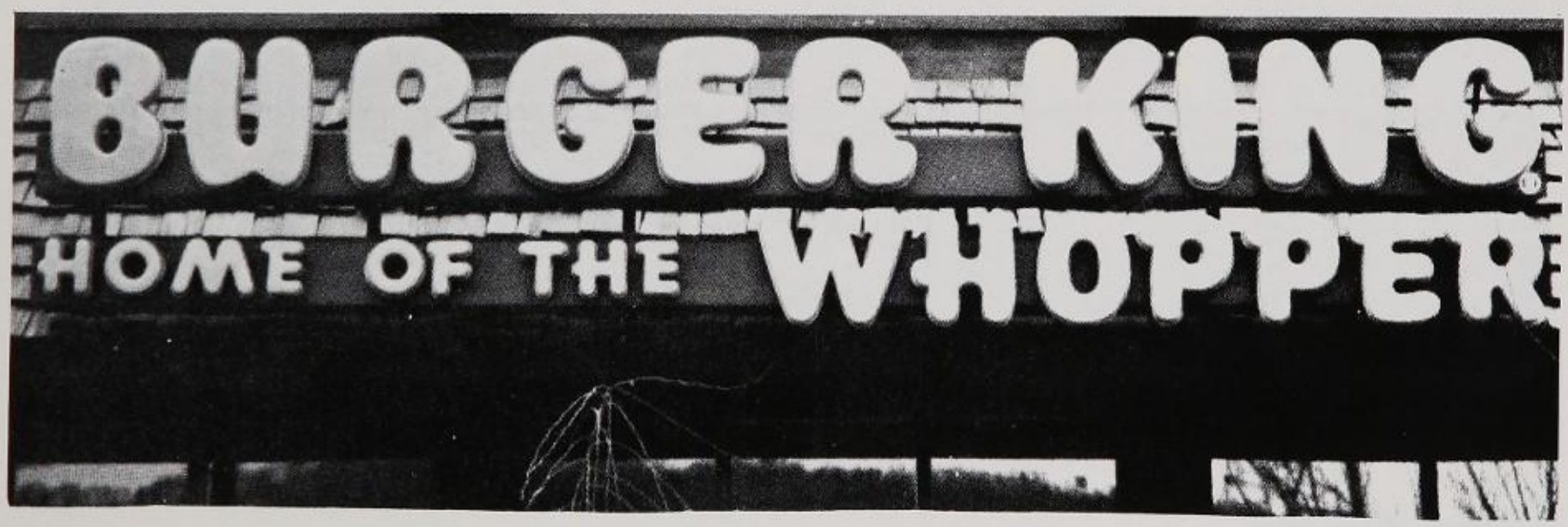

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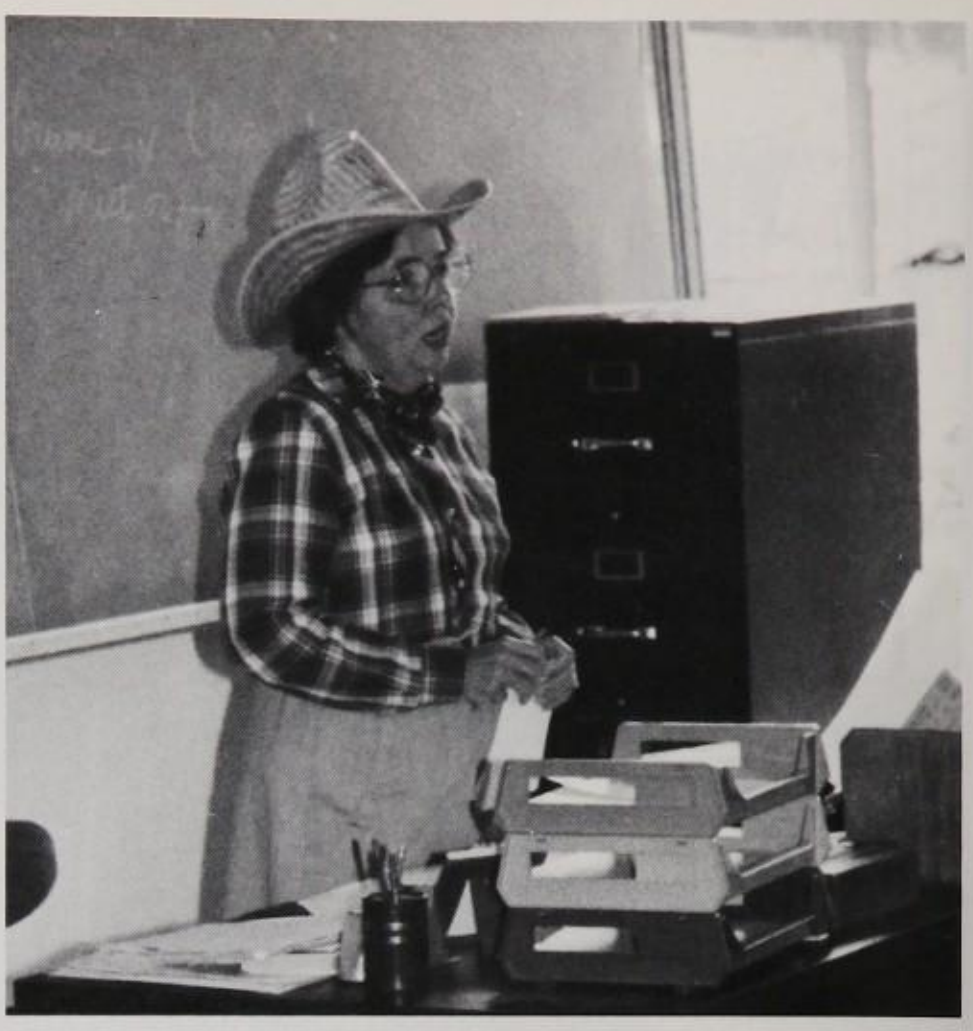

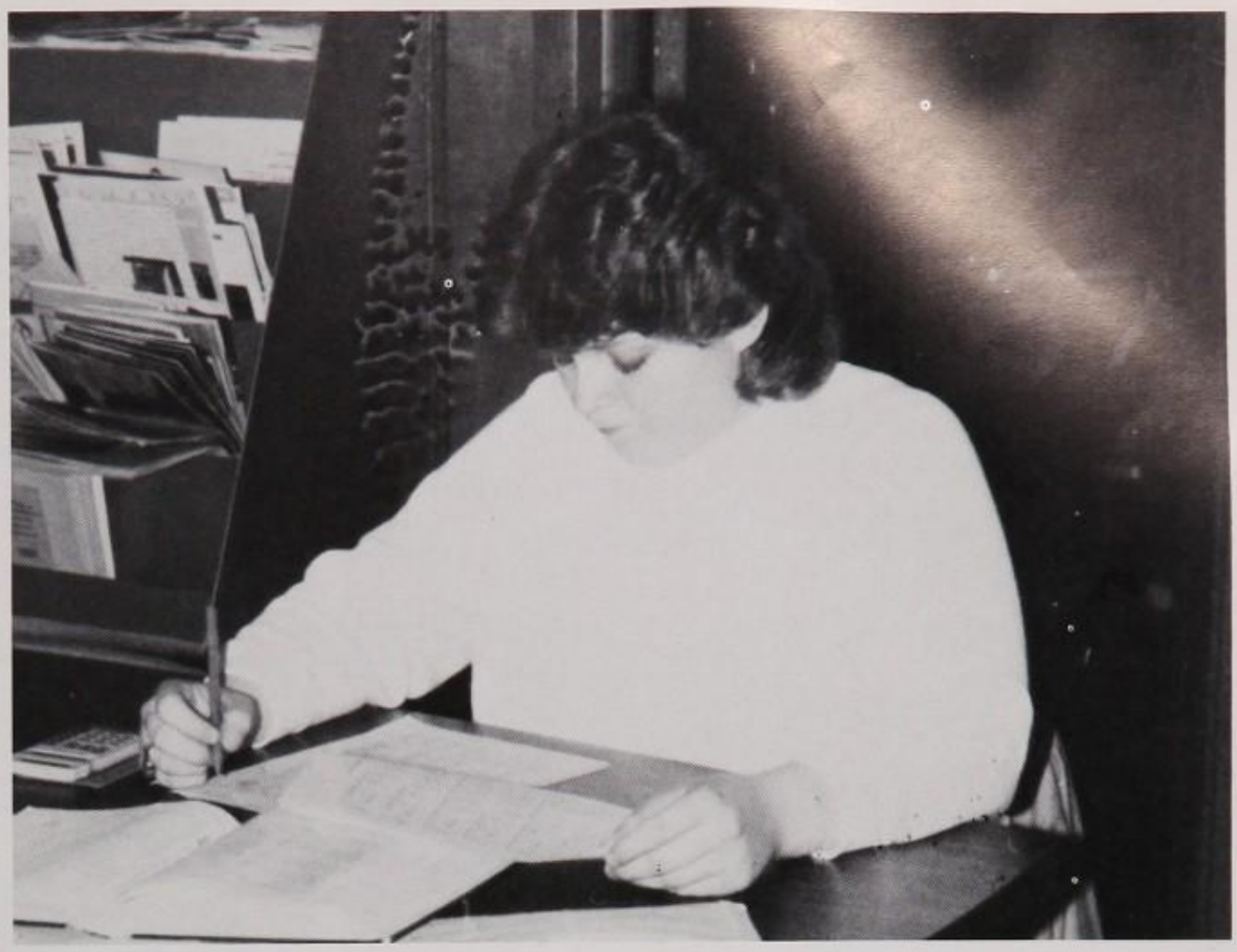

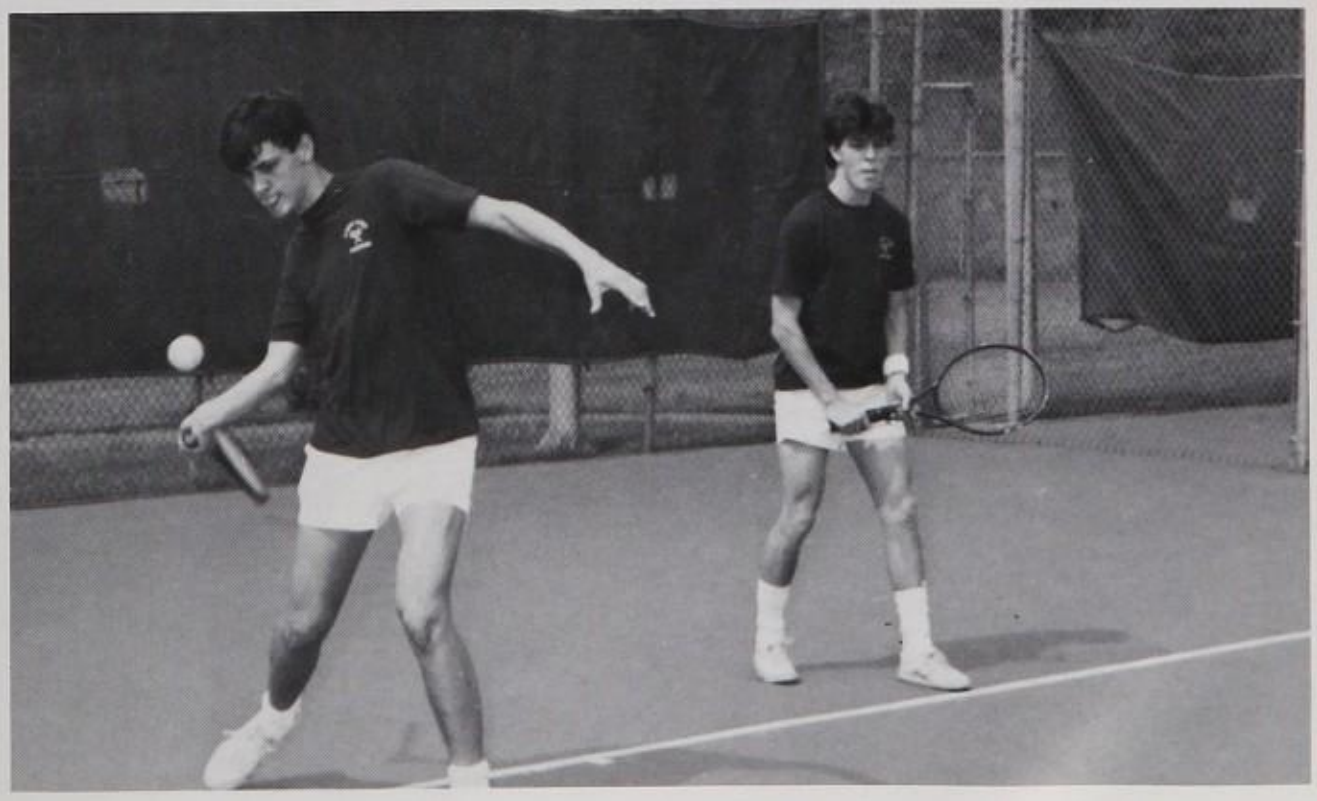

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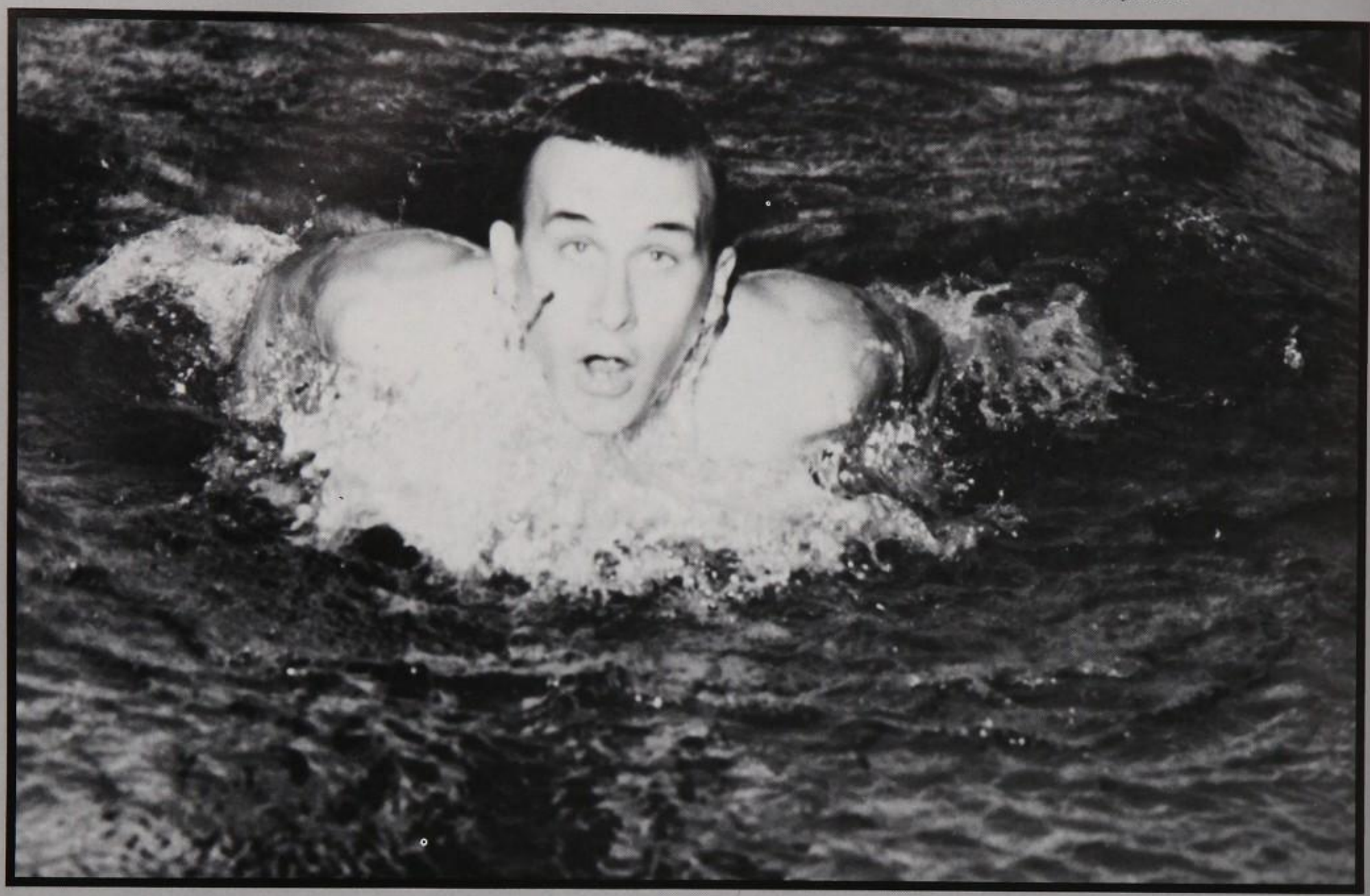

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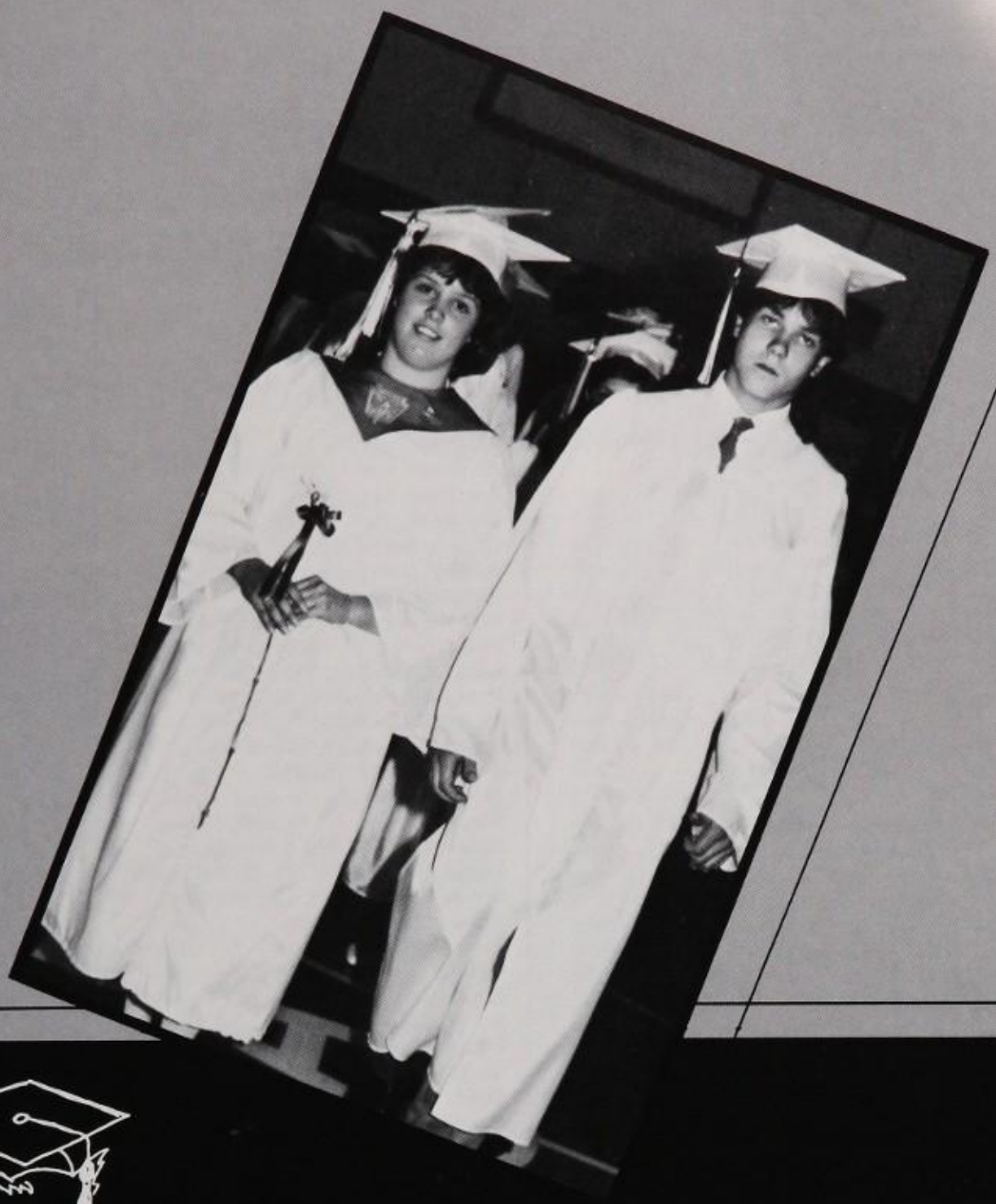

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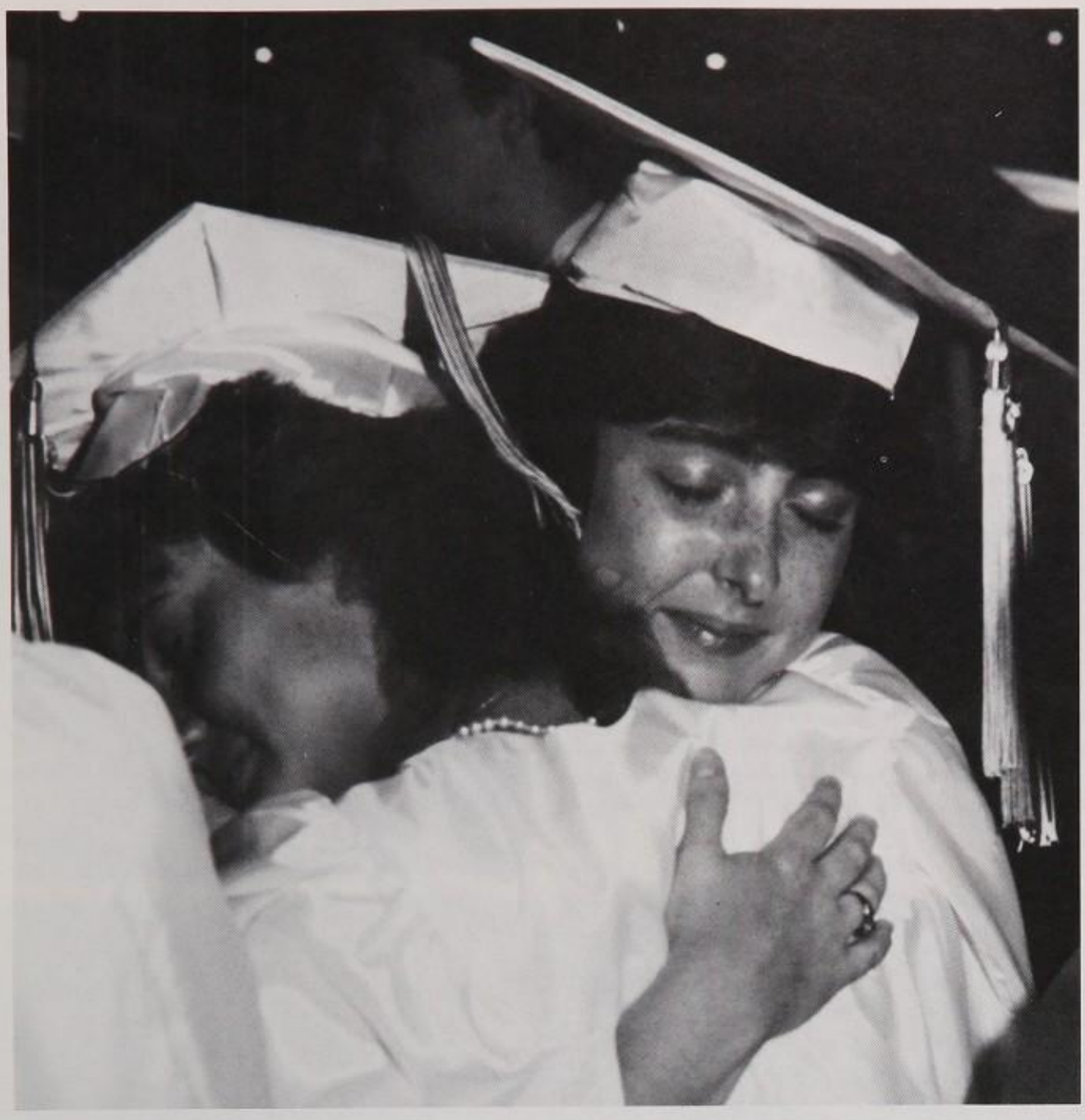
THIS IS IT!

"This is it," is often heard during the last few days of school. The final ending of the 1985-86 school year has arrived. One can look back and see how the year began and progressed until now, the end. For some it is a very joyous time. A time for planning the future for the graduated, whether it is going on to further their education or on to a job. The undergraduates are now a grade advanced. Soon to be receiving their diploma's too.

The year was a good one. Running rather smoothly. In all . . .

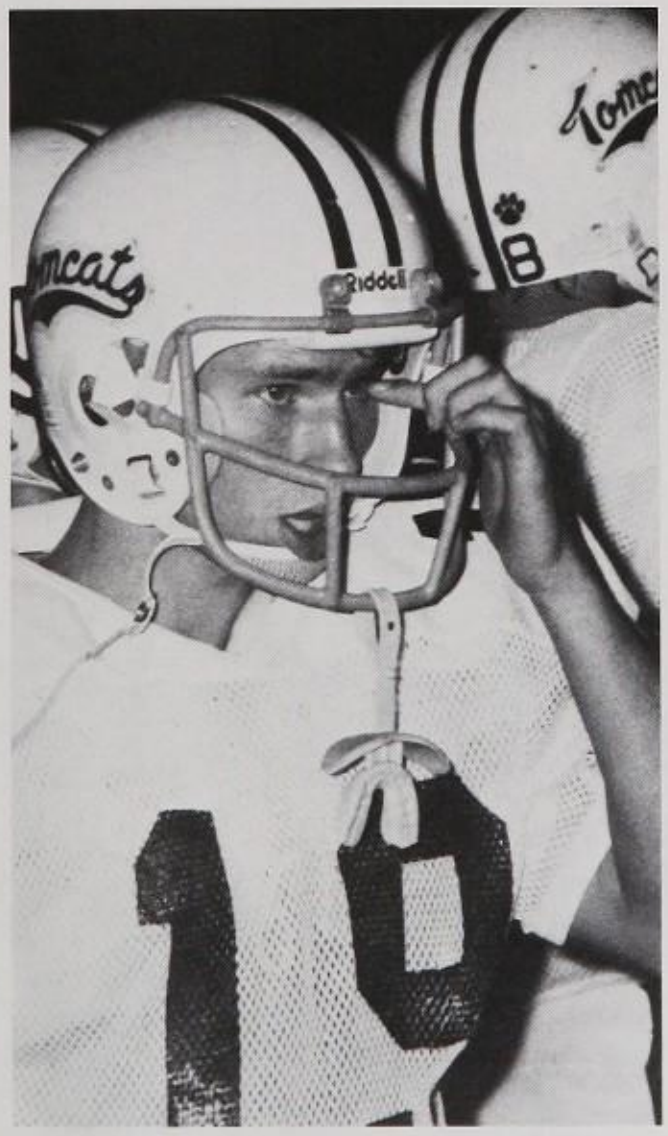
"It was a very good year."



Hugging after the graduation are seniors Jill Robinson and Tammy Daniel, remembering all of the good times together.

Waving hello are Holy Family graduate Sean Keller and junior Karen Bolt before entering the Prom at the Quality Inn.

Watching the game and hoping for a win is junior Eric Jordan. He is a member of the varsity football team.



Concentrating on playing her flute junior Allison Cooper leads the band during a pep song at a home basketball game.

Bookin' it . . .
through the year

A class of thirteen students devoted the whole year to making this yearbook. From the first day of school, the staff members were acquainted with the techniques of writing stories, cropping pictures, writing captions, and many other details concerning a yearbook.

With only three students returning from last year it was obvious that a lot of teaching and learning was in store for the newcomers. Junior Kim Childers said, "It was frustrating at first, having to learn all of the new techniques and skills that went along with making the yearbook. I believe it was well worth the trouble though because I made a lot of good friends that I will always remember. They made the class worthwhile."

After deadlines were turned in, a celebration was in store for the staff members. All of the rushing around was over and it was time to start working on the next deadline. Despite all of the worries, each staff member did their own part to fill the 1986 yearbook with memories of this past year.

Editor, senior Kim Eby, said, "This year has been hectic but everyone has been an asset to the staff. Even with the small amount of people on the staff we were all able to work together and get the job finished. This year is definitely a year to remember.

Balancing the budget for the 1986 yearbook account is junior Jane Thompson, HiLife Business Manager.

Looking over a new group of pictures and placing them on a layout are senior G. G. Riffe and juniors Kim Childers and Mitzi Cottle.

Approaching a deadline, advisors Betty Davis and Terry Mott look over one of the finished layouts for the clubs section.

Helping junior Ginger moore place pictures on her Student Council layout is senior Kim Eby, HiLife Editor.

HiLife Staff: Front Row - Stephanie Miller, editor Kim Eby and G. G. Riffe. Second row - Ginger Moore, Mitzi Cottle and Mori Boggs. Third row - Heather Morgan, Kim Childers, Jane Thompson and Scott Wilson. Back row - Kristen Kitchen, Missy Forte, and Cathy Stavros.

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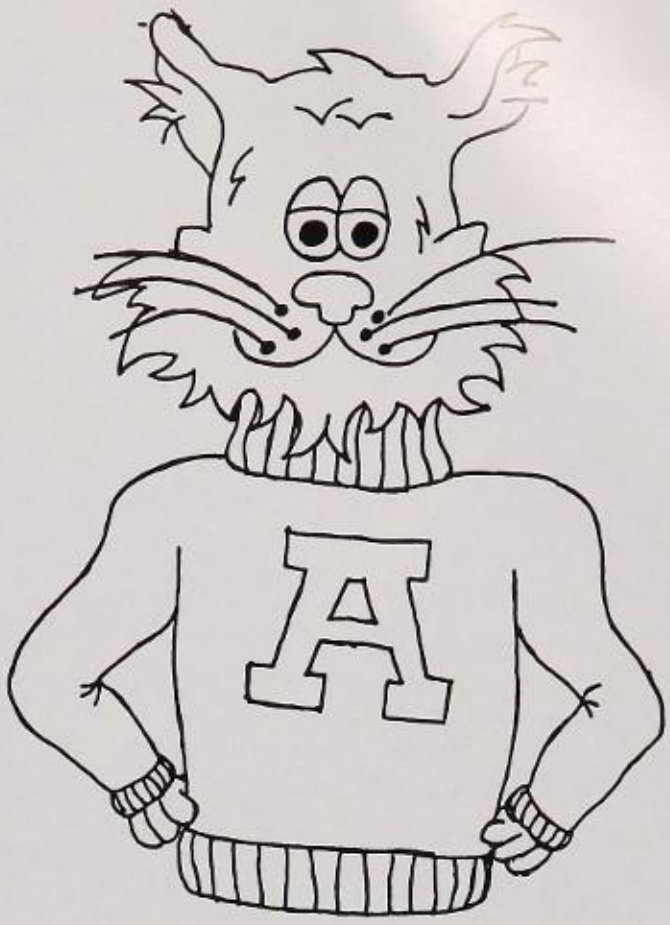

Colophon

Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland, Kentucky has approximately 1250 students in grades nine through twelve. There are 65 faculty members. Maroon and white are the school colors and the Tomcat is the school mascot.

The 1986 Yearbook was published by Walsworth Publishing Company in Marceline, Missouri. Osborne Studios of Cincinnati were the contract photographers and Barbara Browning was the yearbook photographer.

The book is 9 x 12 inches and the paper is 8016 enamel. There are 256 pages. Of these, 16 pages are 4-color and 40 pages of spot color distributed throughout the book. The cover is maroon with a silver silkscreen. The method of binding used is Smythe sewed and there were 750 books ordered.

The layout design was basically mosaic and the type style throughout the book was souvenir type. The headlines were done in various styles ranging from 30 pt to 72 pt. The body copy was 10 pt and the captions were 8 pt.

Approximately 1500 photos were taken by the staff to use for candid shots. The artwork on the division was done by Blazer art students.

The staff was instructed by advisors Terry Mott and Betty Davis along with the editor Kim Eby. A five day camp was attended at Ohio University by two of the members along with the editor. The staff attended OK Press day and a Journalism seminar held at ACC.

The Hi-Life Yearbook sold for $17.00 until the end of January and then the cost went up to $20.00. The book was distributed by the staff in September 1986.

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Alysa,
It's almost over, and it's been fun having you around. Not only do you like the Beatles) but you've got a great sense of humor as well. Have Fun in College or whatever.

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Alysa,
Well, we've finally
seniors. One more
year (really only
8 months) Always
remember the good times
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Stay the same,
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Alysa,
I'm really sure
girl who I met
in Algebra II. (you def
Good luck in the future.
"87" Love ya always

Alysa,
I don't know really what
to say, except thanks for being
a good friend and thanks for
the good times.

Love ya,
Ed
R/M/A

Alysa ★
Joy
Stephens